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10-4 Sir will do

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If ICE ERO call to separate, let's get that info to OPA for any follow up inquiries

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Sir. Nothing else but we can have San Diego follow up with ERO on the status of the children.

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We have anything else? Child with HHS I presume.

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Commissioner: We have reached out to San Diego for additional details.

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Commissioner – Good morning. I checked into the arrest with the assistance of our folks verifying in (b) (7)(E). This was a (b) (7)(E) POE arrest made by OFO. See below information:

This happened at (b) (7)(E) POE on 11/12/17. Attached are the I-213s for the father and son.

From the child's I213 (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b) (7)(E) pdf) narrative:

\*\*\*\*\*ADDENDUM 11/15/17\*\*\*\*\*

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Unit is being separated due to child safety concerns as per AFOD (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) The  
traveling with the juvenile(s) cannot be positively identified as  
having the proper  
documentation of being the parent. The verification and authentication of the  
family  
relationship between the minor children and the adult cannot be validated at  
this time.  
Upon EROs receipt of proper documentation, the adult and minor children can  
be reunited in  
the future.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Regards,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Deputy Chief – LEOD / Operations

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Do we have anything on number 3 below?

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## Daily Media Summary November 18, 2017

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- *WBTS-TV* reported that group of Senate Democrats are pressing DHS Secretary nominee Kirstjen Nielsen to support bipartisan legislation that would protect DACA recipients from being deported. They cited that during her confirmation hearing she agreed that there was a need for legislation to protect DACA recipients and help create a path for citizenship. This story has been shared by major media outlets *Stars & Stripes*, *ABC News* as well as local outlets such as the *Tampa Bay Times*, and *Florence Morning News*, based in Florence, SC. The UK media outlet *Daily Mail* shared this story as well.
- *KIII-TV* reported that Border Patrol agents at the Sarita checkpoint arrested a person who had attempted to smuggle cocaine through the checkpoint in the trunk of their Mercedes. "The efforts they are using to conceal the loads is usually expensive, so this was out of the ordinary for us," said Deputy Patrol Agent in charge of Kingsville Josh Schad. According to agents, usually the cartels try and conceal their drugs loads inside secret compartments, but this bust was unusual considering the dog's ability to smell. "The things they can detect, the minor traces of narcotics they can smell is unbelievable so we

couldn't do the job without them," Schad said. This story has yet to be widely reported on in other media outlets, however on the @CustomsBorder Twitter account, it is the tweet with the highest engagement of the period.

- *BuzzFeed* reported that an immigrant father, Jose Demar Fuentes, from Central America seeking asylum in the United States has accused Border Patrol agents of lying and threatening him to persuade him to separate from his 1-year-old son. CBP didn't respond to specific questions about Fuentes or the other fathers, but pointed to their policy on family unity. "CBP will maintain family unity to the greatest extent operationally feasible, absent a legal requirement or an articulable safety or security concern that requires separation," the policy said. While this story has yet to be widely reported in other media outlets, it is gaining traction on *Twitter* since *BuzzFeed* first ran the article in the early morning hours.

## TOP NEWS

### 1. [Democrats Press Homeland Security Pick on Immigration Issues](#)

(WBTS-TV; 20k uvm; Newton, MA) ... Richard Lardner

A group of Senate Democrats is pressing President Donald Trump's choice to lead the Homeland Security Department to endorse bipartisan legislation to shield from deportation thousands of young immigrants brought to the U.S. as young children and living here illegally. In a letter sent Friday to Kirstjen Nielsen, the 20 lawmakers said she agreed during her confirmation hearing earlier this month on the need for legislation that would put so-called "Dreamers" on a path to U.S. citizenship. They want to know if that means Nielsen will openly urge Congress to pass the bipartisan Dream Act to "provide the solution that you have recognized is needed." White House spokesman Raj Shah said Nielsen did not express support for any specific legislation during her confirmation hearing. "The Trump administration has laid out its priorities for responsible immigration reform we hope Congress will adopt," Shah said.

### 2. [Major cocaine bust at Sarita checkpoint](#)

(KIII-TV; 66k uvm; Corpus Christi, TX) ... Michael Gibson

**VIDEO:** Border patrol agents at the Sarita checkpoint said one of their K-9's sniffed out a trunk full of cocaine Wednesday morning. Nearly six million dollars worth of cocaine was discovered during the stop. Kiii News reporter Michael Gibson was at the checkpoint to meet with agents about the incident. "The efforts they are using to conceal the loads is usually expensive, so this was out of the ordinary for us," said Deputy Patrol Agent in charge of Kingsville Josh Schad. According to agents, usually the cartels try and conceal their drugs loads inside secret compartments of even inside car batteries, but this bust was unusual considering the dog's super sense of smell. "The things they can detect, the minor traces of narcotics they can smell is unbelievable so we couldn't do the job without them," Schad said. Investigators believe the drugs were smuggled across an unprotected section of the border and then loaded into the Mercedes.

### 3. [Immigrant Father Says The Border Patrol Took His Infant Son And Won't](#)

## [Tell Him Where He Is](#)

(BuzzFeed; 17.7M) ... Adolfo Flores

An immigrant father from Central America seeking asylum in the United States has accused Border Patrol agents of lying and threatening him to persuade him to separate from his 1-year-old son. Immigrant rights advocates said the accusation bolsters what they believe is an effort by Border Patrol agents to discourage Central American immigration by separating parents from their children. Jose Demar Fuentes, 30, said he and three other fathers crossed the US border through the Mexican city of Tijuana on Sunday with their children and requested asylum from US immigration authorities. Fuentes said that in three separate meetings, Border Patrol agents in dark green uniforms told him and the other fathers that if they didn't agree to separate themselves from their children, their immigration cases would take longer and there would be problems. "The last time they said we'd better agree because it was 'better to do it the good way and avoid using force in front of the kids,'" Fuentes told BuzzFeed News. "That made us all agree." The fathers and their kids were separated Thursday. The three other fathers could not be reached for comment. US Customs and Border Protection didn't respond to specific questions about Fuentes or the other fathers, but pointed to their policy on family unity. "CBP will maintain family unity to the greatest extent operationally feasible, absent a legal requirement or an articulable safety or security concern that requires separation," the policy said.

## NEWS INDEX

### BORDER SECURITY

#### *Along U.S. Borders*

#### 4. [Border Patrol Agent Hospitalized after Illegal Immigrant Speeds Through Checkpoint](#)

(Breitbart; 19.1M uvm) ... Bob Price

Border Patrol agents assigned to a checkpoint in East County observed a man approaching in a 2009 Infinity G35 sedan. The driver initiated a U-turn before the checkpoint and drove the wrong way into oncoming traffic, according to information provided to Breitbart Texas by U.S. Border Patrol officials. The driver suddenly executed another U-turn and sped toward the checkpoint—reaching a speed of nearly 70 miles per hour, officials stated. As the driver approached, he swerved out of the lanes of cars waiting for inspection to bypass the position. In doing so, he struck a steel road sign — parts of which struck a Border Patrol agent working nearby. The debris from the sign injured the agent who had to be hospitalized. The driver bypassed the checkpoint and took off on I-8. Agents pursued the fleeing driver. The pursuit reached speeds in excess of 100 mph, officials reported. Suddenly, the driver lost control of the G35 and crashed on a berm. After climbing out of the car, the driver fled on foot. As other agents arrived on the scene, they secured the two occupants and checked them for injuries. Finding none, the agents placed the male passengers under arrest. Other agents pursued the driver on foot. The agents found the driver

hiding in the garage of a private home, officials explained. They took the man into custody. An investigation revealed the 27-year-old driver and the two male passengers, ages 27 and 40, were all illegally present in the U.S. The driver faces charges of transporting aliens illegally present in the United States, officials reported. All three Mexican nationals are being held in federal custody.

5. [Border Patrol agents discover drugs taped to 17-year-old girl's body](#)

(KGTV-TV; 2.1M uvm; San Diego, CA) ... Jermaine Ong

A 17-year-old girl was taken into custody at the El Centro border checkpoint after U.S. officials said Border Patrol agents discovered small packages of methamphetamine taped to her body. Customs and Border Protection officials said the teen was a passenger in a Ford Focus that approached the Highway 86 checkpoint at about 1:15 p.m. Wednesday. Officials said three other people were in the vehicle. According to officials, a canine team alerted agents to something suspicious in the vehicle. During a secondary inspection, agents found 10 small packages taped to the teen girl's legs. Officials said the packages -- which weighed a combined 4.21 pounds with an estimated street value of \$14,735 -- "were tested and contained the properties consistent with methamphetamine." The drugs and the girl, who is a U.S. citizen, were turned over to DEA officials. Officials did not say if the other vehicle occupants were taken into custody.

6. [Suspected MS-13 gang member arrested in northwest North Dakota](#)

(Grand Forks Herald; 837k uvm; Grand Forks, ND) ... April Baumgarten

A suspected member of a notorious international criminal gang has been arrested in Williston and is being held at the Grand Forks County jail. Border Patrol agents from the Grand Forks Sector of U.S. Customs and Border Protection arrested 39-year-old Concepcion Carcamo-Portillo at 7 p.m. Wednesday, spokesman Kristoffer Grogan confirmed to the Herald. Numerous tips from concerned citizens led officers to the El Salvador national, Grogan said. Investigators determined the man was in the U.S. illegally and is an alleged member of Mara Salvatrucha, also known as the El Salvador-based international criminal organization MS-13. Carcamo-Portillo was booked Thursday evening into the Grand Forks County Correctional Center. "This arrest is a testament to our cooperation with our (Department of Homeland Security) partners to disrupt one of the most dangerous criminal organizations in the United States," Chief Patrol Agent Aaron Heitke, commander of the Grand Forks Sector, said in a statement. "This arrest is the direct result from of information passed from Immigration and Customs Enforcement and a call from a concerned citizen."

7. [Man surrenders at Border Patrol checkpoint following I-25 pursuit](#)

(Las Cruces Sun-News; 310k uvm; Las Cruces, NM)

**VIDEO:** An Albuquerque man, suspected in a possible kidnapping, surrendered to authorities at the Border Patrol checkpoint north of Las Cruces on Thursday. Epifanio Torres, 30, was charged with aggravated fleeing, a fourth degree felony. Other charges are pending, according to New Mexico State Police. State police said the incident began about 8:29 p.m. when they issued a "be on the lookout" (BOLO) for a

red Ford F-150 pickup in reference to a possible kidnapping in Albuquerque. Authorities said information was received from an out-of-state relative, who had been on the phone with a female, reportedly in the backseat of the pickup. The suspect and female had been in a relationship, state police reported. About 45 minutes after the BOLO, state police officers spotted the vehicle traveling south on I-25, near mile post 68. An officer attempted to stop the vehicle, police said, but it did not stop and the driver continued southbound. State Police notified Border Patrol agents at the I-25 checkpoint of the ongoing pursuit. Torres, who was on the phone with the Albuquerque NMSP office, told authorities he would surrender at the checkpoint, which he did without incident, police said. The female passenger was checked by authorities and refused transport to a hospital, police said.

8. [K-9 leads Border Patrol agents to discovery of more than 180 pounds of cocaine](#)

(Corpus Christi Caller-Times; 191k uvm; Corpus Christi, TX) ... Alexandria Rodriguez

**VIDEO:** An alert from a Border Patrol K-9 in Kingsville led to the discovery of more than 180 pounds of cocaine at a checkpoint Wednesday. The alert from the K-9 came during a non-intrusive vehicle inspection at the checkpoint. Agents then inspected the truck of the vehicle and found three suitcases with about 185 pounds of cocaine, according to a news release. Drug Enforcement Administration agents took the vehicle, 32 bundles of cocaine, valued at \$5,844,800, and took the driver, a U.S. citizen, into custody, the release states. On Tuesday, agents at the Brownsville Border Patrol Station seized more than 8 pounds of methamphetamine after they were alerted by another K-9. The K-9 alerted an agents to a delivery truck, which led to further inspection, the release states. Agents then found nine packages of methamphetamine, worth more than \$260,000, concealed in liquid foam, according to the release.

9. [Border Patrol nabs two suspected MS-13 gang members](#)

(Corpus Christi Caller-Times; 191k uvm; Corpus Christi, TX) ...Chris Ramirez

**VIDEO:** An El Salvadoran man with ties to the violent street gang MS-13 and a criminal record in his homeland was among those arrested in a Border Patrol operation near Hebbronville. Border Patrol agents arrested an undocumented immigrant Tuesday, according to a news release from the agency. He was among a group of 16 immigrants who were on a ranch near Hebbronville. The Border Patrol said the man, whose identity was not released, had an extensive criminal history in his native country. He had served an eight-year prison sentence there for a homicide conviction and also had a record for illegal possession of a firearm, aggravated robbery and drug trafficking. He was processed for deportation. On Thursday, Border Patrol agents arrested another undocumented immigrant who is believed to be associated with MS-13 near Bruni, in Webb County. That person, also from El Salvador, was processed for deportation. The Trump administration has pledged to get MS-13 and other trans-national gangs off America's streets. The gang is believed to have started in Los Angeles in the 1980s, but became more deeply entrenched in Central America when its leaders were deported. There was no indication

immediately that the individuals' arrests were in any way connected to "Operation Raging Bull," a crackdown run conducted by officials from the Department of Homeland Security and Justice Department. That operation ran from Oct. 8 to Nov. 11, and concluded with the arrest of 214 members of MS-13.

### *Ports of Entry*

#### 10. [Farmington driver's race car is delayed at Canadian border](#)

(Portland Press Herald; 2.1M uvm; Portland, OR) ... Phil Whipple

For Farmington native Cassius Clark, the anticipation leading up to Saturday's annual Pro All Stars Series Mega-Meltdown 300 at Hickory Motor Speedway in North Carolina has turned to stress. The team for which Clark drives, King Racing, owned by former racer and Canadian businessman Rollie MacDonald, is stuck at the Canadian border with the car and all of the equipment necessary to run this weekend's race. "They've been delayed at the border cross at Houlton since Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m.," Clark said on the phone from North Carolina. "There was a practice session here yesterday, and there is more on tap for today. It's a 20-hour drive from Houlton to get here, so I sure hope they get released soon." Two other race teams had similar difficulties, Clark said, but were allowed to pass after a lengthy delay. U.S. Customs and Border Protections Public Affairs Officer Stephanie Malin on Friday afternoon released a statement on the matter: "While I cannot get into the specific details of the inspection, I can confirm the individuals were not detained at the port of entry at all," she wrote, "The issue is related to a lack of proper importation documents required for importing a vehicle for racing purposes."

#### 11. [City officials get a tour of the international bridges](#)

(KGNS-TV; 87k uvm; Laredo, TX) ... Phil Whipple

**VIDEO:** A tour of bridge one and two was given to city officials on both sides of the border as they took a look at the status of the ongoing construction project. According to CBP, construction at both bridge one and two is coming along fine. Congressman Henry Cuellar, Mayor Pete Saenz, and Nuevo Laredo and Laredo officials toured both facilities with U.S. General Services Administration and Customs and Border Protection. The project is aimed towards increasing efficiency and improving safety and security for vehicle and pedestrian processing. These updates should reduce vehicle wait times from 33 to 15 minutes and peak pedestrian time from 49 to 21 minutes. Mayor Pete Saenz says there have been talks between him and Nuevo Laredo about the idea of turning bridge one into a pedestrian walkway. Mayor Saenz says CBP has been supportive of the idea and now it's up to him and City Council to decide and work with Nuevo Laredo to see if it's possible. The projected completion dates for bridge one is April 2018 and December 2018 for bridge two.

#### 12. ['No shirt, no service, no Canada'](#)

(Surrey Now-Leader; 17k uvm; Surrey, BC Canada) ... Aaron Hinks

A U.S. man is now in jail after Canada Border Services Agency discovered he had an

outstanding felony warrant from Washington State. U.S. Customs and Border Protection issued a news release Friday afternoon title "No shirt, no service, no Canada," saying the Tacoma man arrived northbound at the Peace Arch (Douglas) crossing in South Surrey, shirtless, and told officers he was heading to Toronto to visit friends. The release says that during a search of a rental vehicle, CBSA found small amounts of meth. After being returned to Blaine, officers confirmed the 23-year-old had a felony warrant from the Washington State Department of Corrections for robbery and escape from community custody, which was issued Nov. 13. "The co-operation between three government agencies is priceless," U.S. CBP area port director Kenneth Williams said in the release. "CBSA, CBP and the sheriff's office worked as a team to get this suspected criminal off the street."

## **BORDER WALL**

### **13. [Roundtable: A Closer Look At The Border Wall](#)**

(KPBS-TV; 278k uvm; San Diego, CA) ... Bennett Lacy, Mark Sauer

**VIDEO:** President Donald Trump is demanding Congress fund the construction of a wall along America's border with Mexico. Work has already begun, with eight prototypes of new structures recently being showcased in San Diego. In the new series "America's Wall," KPBS and inewssource obtained previously unseen federal documents that detail the existing barriers along the border built under several previous administrations. The series also profiles people on both sides of the border, and both sides of a contentious issue.

### **14. [Fisher's border wall prototype complete on Southern border](#)**

(Dickinson Press; 192k uvm; Dickinson, ND) ... Grady McGregor

Dickinson-based Fisher Industries has completed construction of a border wall prototype along the southern border of the United States near Otay Mesa, Cali. Fisher's wall is made of concrete and while it lacks some of the color and features of other prototypes, like tubing atop the walls or opaque paneling, the wall's simplicity makes it look like one of the more imposing designs. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced that the eight border wall prototypes were completed in late October but this is the first time that the Press has been able to track down available pictures of Fisher's wall prototype. According to a CBP press release from late last month, now that the construction phase is complete they will test and evaluate each wall over a 30- to 60-day period. "Border security contributes to our overall national security and relies on a combination of border infrastructure, technology, personnel, and partnerships," said CBP acting Deputy Commissioner Ron Vitiello in the release. "Border walls have proven to be an extremely effective part of our multi-pronged security strategy to prevent the illegal migration of people and drugs over the years ... These border enforcement zones give our men and women of CBP the best possible conditions to maintain a safe and secure border."

## **TRADE**

### **15. [Darling: Fully loaded trucks crossing Anzalduas Bridge by end of 2018](#)**

(Rio Grande Guardian; 9k uvm; McAllen, TX) ... Patricia Martinez

McAllen Mayor Jim Darling said that the city is moving forward with plans to have full commercial traffic at the Anzalduas International Bridge by the end of 2018. Since August 2016, the bridge has allowed empty southbound trucks to cross into Mexico. Now, design plans are being finalized for fully loaded trucks to cross the bridge in either direction, giving commercial drivers the option of another port of entry. The plan is to have a joint inspection facility on the north side of the bridge. "Pharr does a great job over there, but it's one bridge," said Darling. "There's just so much potential in our area to only have one. So, we need to get commercial traffic on another bridge." Asked when the bridge may ready to handle loaded trucks going both north- and southbound, Darling said: "I am shooting for the end of 2018. That is why we want to get the design done and get construction going. We are working on that, state monies, federal monies. They have to get their act together in Washington and set a budget and get some funding (going). We will get it done."

## TRAVEL

16. [Nonstop Seattle to Dublin flights to begin May 2018](#)  
(Seattle PI; 4.7M uvm; Seattle WA)

Nonstop flights from Seattle to Dublin will start next spring. The Seattle Times reports Irish carrier Aer Lingus said Friday the service will begin May 18, 2018. The service will be provided four times a week. Because Dublin airport has its own U.S. Customs and Border Protection facility, passengers and their luggage will be pre-cleared in Ireland before departure, with no need to go through passport control on arrival in Seattle. This will be the first pre-cleared trans-Atlantic flight to fly into Seattle. Aer Lingus also will provide Seattle passengers connections through Dublin to 24 U.K. and European cities.

17. [CBP gives tips for faster entry times during holiday season](#)  
(KGBT-TV; 298k uvm; Harlingen, TX) ... Jolanie Martinez

**VIDEO:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection has tips for international travelers coming to the U.S. during the holiday season. U.S. Customs and Border Protection public information officer Maribel Saenz says the agency is preparing for the large number of shoppers that cross the border during the holiday season, especially after La Plaza Mall's multi-million dollar expansion. Saenz recommends international travelers to apply online for the I-94 form. "A lot of times since it's holiday season, there is a lot more travelers than usual, so that's why we are encouraging everybody to go online, apply online," Saenz said. "They can pay for it online, they bring their receipt with them and we finalize it for them here at the port of entry." To finalize the I-94 process, travelers must present themselves at a port of entry within seven days of their application. Travelers are also encouraged to use their radio frequency identification card to use ready lanes at port of entries. The frequency identification card includes the newer version of the U.S. passport cards, border crossing cards and resident alien card. Saenz says using this method expedites the entry process by 20 percent. "At the window, they will be getting their fingerprints, their picture and a

background check to make sure that they qualify for the I-94 and cardboard,” said Saenz. “I-94 will be printed and that's what they will have to present at the checkpoint with their travel documents.”

CBP’s Border Wait Times app also gives hourly updates on lines at each port of entry.

## **WORKFORCE**

### **18. [Law enforcement K-9s compete in Mercedes](#)**

(Brownsville Herald; 75k uvm; Brownsville, TX) ... Cristina M. Garcia

Federal and local agencies were rivals Friday during the 3rd annual South Texas Police K-9 Competition held at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Grounds in Mercedes. Valley law enforcement agencies and others, along with their K-9s, competed in timed narcotic article and vehicle searches, the obedience and confidence course, and criminal apprehension...If you compete and your dog doesn’t do so well, that motivates you,” Hidalgo County Sheriff’s Office K-9 trainer Javier Solis said... U.S. Border Patrol’s K-9, Billy-B, was named top dog in the patrol competition. A Belgian Malinois named Mischa and her handler, Tim Behnke, with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, quickly ran the narcotic article and vehicle searches Friday afternoon. Mischa has stopped more than \$1 million worth of drugs from being smuggled into the U.S. during her more than three years as a law enforcement K-9, according Behnke. Behnke and Mischa underwent a seven-week training course in Virginia prior to working together at multiple ports of entry in Brownsville. The two have been a team for three and a half years. “It’s the best job in the world,” Benke said. “Working with an animal is awesome.” Though Behnke didn’t place in the vehicles search competition, U.S. Customs and Border Protection’s K-9 Coco and his handler, Michael Hufham, placed third. The U.S. Border Patrol was awarded the Best K-9 Unit, while Lusy with Edinburg CISD Police Department took first in the articles search.

### **19. [CBP AMO Plan Flyover at NASCAR’s Championship Weekend](#)**

(American Security Today; 45k uvm)

**VIDEO:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Air and Marine Operations (AMO) aircrews based at the Miami Air and Marine Branch will perform a flyover during NASCAR’s championship weekend at Homestead-Miami Speedway in front of tens of thousands of racing fans. CBP’s Air and Marine Operations agents from air and marine branches and units in Florida and Texas are assisting with security efforts for the event providing real-time aerial video to ground based law enforcement personnel at the incident command center. Air and Marine Operations interdicts unlawful people and cargo approaching U.S. borders, investigates criminal networks and provides domain awareness in the air and maritime environments, and responds to contingencies and national taskings. “We’re a part of this community and honored to serve and protect the public in Greater Miami and the Florida Keys utilizing advanced aeronautical and maritime capabilities,” said Martin Wade, Director of the Miami Air and Marine Branch. “Air and Marine Operations highly-skilled agents are often behind the scenes at high profile events to keep things safe and secure along with local,

state and federal law enforcement partners.”

## OPINION

### 20. [Former DHS Secretary Tom Ridge: No southern border wall needed](#)

(CBS Television Network; 26.1 uvm) ... Arden Farhi

**VIDEO:** Tom Ridge, the nation's first secretary of Homeland Security, believes the physical border wall President Donald Trump wants to build on the U.S.-Mexico border isn't necessary. "I don't think we need it," Ridge said. "I think there are things we can do with technology that foregoes the need to build a 3,000 mile border [wall] with a neighbor... I prefer presidents that tear down walls rather than build them." Ridge appeared on "The Takeout" podcast with CBS News chief White House correspondent Major Garrett and political director Steve Chaggaris. Despite his criticism of the President, Ridge, a Republican, praised Mr. Trump's pick to lead the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Kirstjen Nielsen. "This is a woman that's got public and private sector experience. She's been deputy chief of staff to the president now, she was General [John] Kelly's chief of staff [at DHS], she's well versed and worked with the private sector on preparedness issues and cyber security issues and the like."

## IMMIGRATION

### 21. [Immigrant Who Had Prosthetic Leg Mocked by Trump Officials to Be Freed After 'Inhumane' Detention](#)

(Newsweek; 9.4M uvm) ... Nicole Rodriguez

**VIDEO:** A 20-year-old disabled immigrant detained for more than a month without being charged was to be freed Friday, but he has been stripped of his Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status. After being detained by Customs and Border Protection (CPB) agents on October 11 as part of a human smuggling investigation, Felipe Abonza-Lopez of San Marcos, Texas, was granted a \$7,500 bond and will be released sometime Friday, a legal assistant for Abonza-Lopez's attorney told Newsweek Friday. Abonza-Lopez has lost his DACA status, which had been set to expire in 2019. It was revoked October 12, when he received a notice to appear in immigration court for deportation proceedings, a spokesperson for Citizenship and Immigration Services (ICE) told Newsweek.

### 22. [Trump Administration Cites MS-13 Arrest to Push Change in Minor Immigrant Law](#)

(Daily Signal; 1.1M uvm) ... Fred Lucas

The Trump administration is pointing to a large federal roundup of members of the violent gang MS-13 as vindication of increased enforcement efforts and reason to change the policy on unaccompanied minor illegal immigrants. The Justice Department and Department of Homeland Security announced a joint effort that led to the arrest of 214 gang members and those involved with gang-related crime...Of the 214, just 16 were U.S. citizens while 198 were foreign nationals. Of the foreign

nationals, only five were in the country legally. Among those arrested, 64 entered the country as unaccompanied alien children, but most are now adults, according to the Trump administration. During a press conference Thursday announcing the arrests, Tom Homan, deputy director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, noted the 2008 law on unaccompanied minors does not allow them to be immediately returned to their country of origin. "The agencies sent up a series of policy requests to the Hill to address a lot of issues to further control the border and illegal immigration," Homan said. "Some of these policies are being exploited and used by criminal organizations. That's why that's one of the policy issues we asked Congress to look at and help us with."

23. [UMD files affidavit in federal lawsuit challenging Trump's latest travel ban](#)  
(The Diamondback; 35k uvm) ... Christine Condon

The University of Maryland has filed an affidavit in a federal lawsuit opposing the Trump administration's latest iteration of its travel ban. "Since our students & faculty are impacted by the latest travel ban, #UMD has filed an affidavit in a federal lawsuit in MD challenging the ban's legality," University President Wallace Loh tweeted Friday. The affidavit was filed in a Maryland district court case surrounding the ban. Federal judges in Maryland and Hawaii issued national orders freezing the ban in October. "It is in the interest of the University, as well as in the national interest, to welcome talented persons of all nations to study, teach, and do research in the United States, in order to maintain and improve America's position as a leader in higher education and research," read the statement, signed by Loh Oct. 10.

## OF INTEREST

24. [Trump halts decision to allow elephant trophy imports after uproar](#)  
(Reuters; 43.6M uvm) ...David Shepardson and Eric Beech

U.S. President Donald Trump said in a tweet on Friday he is putting a decision to allow imports of elephant trophies on hold after a torrent of criticism from conservation advocates and across social media. Trump's reversal came hours after his administration released a rule on Friday to allow hunters who kill elephants in Zimbabwe to bring their trophies back to the United States, which had been banned by the Obama administration. "Put big game trophy decision on hold until such time as I review all conservation facts. Under study for years. Will update soon with Secretary Zinke. Thank you!" Trump wrote. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said in a statement that he had spoken with Trump and "both believe that conservation and healthy herds are critical." He said the "issuing of permits is being put on hold as the decision is being reviewed."

25. [18-year-old accused of shooting CBP agent in Oakleaf said he would "off" cops, according to investigators](#)  
(WOKV-FM; 75.1k uvm; Jacksonville, FL) ... Stephanie Brown

Two months after a Customs and Border Protection Agent was shot in the parking lot of an Oakleaf Publix, new investigative reports are detailing more about the possible

motive to the attack. The Clay County Sheriff's Office believed from early in their investigation that the agent was ambushed because he was law enforcement. The victim was leaving the Publix after grabbing some groceries, when CCSO says 18-year-old Jake Lewis sped up and fired multiple shots, hitting the agent multiple times. Lewis then crashed, and CCSO says he died of a self-inflicted gunshot. The agent who was shot underwent surgery and continues to recover. CBP tells us the "signs are encouraging", and the agent is expected to return on limited duty in the near future. That agent has spoken with investigators, and the new supplemental reports show he remembers a suspect pointing a gun out of a car and yelling about hating cops, before shooting.

## SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYSIS

### OF NOTE



- The tweet by @DonaldTrumpJr on November 16 titled "First female Border Patrol chief says agents 'empowered' under Trump" is still the most retweeted of the period, with 6.3k retweets, 20k likes and 765 replies to date.
- As mentioned above, the tweet by Adolfo Flores from the account @aflores titled "Immigrant father says the Border Patrol took his infant son and won't tell him where he is" is gaining attention on

Twitter and is the second most retweeted tweet to date. The tweet supplies a link to the *BuzzFeed* article where he is interviewed. The tweet has 327 retweets, 154 likes, and 34 replies to date.



- The tweet to receive the highest engagement of the period on @CustomsBorder is "RGV sector Border Patrol K9's lead agents to seize over \$6.1 million in narcotics. #KeepingAmericaSafe." The tweet has received 20 retweets, 55 likes, 6 replies and 180,000 potential impressions to date. The tweet provides a link to the *KIII TV* news article on the bust.

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Subject: RE: Daily Media Summary - November 18, 2017  
Date: Saturday, November 18, 2017 10:37:57 AM  
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Commissioner – Good morning. I checked into the arrest with the assistance of our folks verifying in (b) (7)(E). This was a (b) (7)(E) POE arrest made by OFO. See below information:

This happened at (b) (7)(E) POE on 11/12/17. Attached are the I-213s for the father and son.

From the child's I213 (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b) (7)(E).pdf narrative:

\*\*\*\*\*ADDENDUM 11/15/17\*\*\*\*\*

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) y Unit is being separated due to child safety concerns as per AFOD (b)(6);(b)(7)(C). The adult traveling with the juvenile(s) cannot be positively identified as having the proper documentation of being the parent. The verification and authentication of the family relationship between the minor children and the adult cannot be validated at this time. Upon EROs receipt of proper documentation, the adult and minor children can be reunited in the future.

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Regards,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Deputy Chief – LEOD / Operations

U.S. Border Patrol Headquarters

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- *WBTS-TV* reported that group of Senate Democrats are pressing DHS Secretary nominee Kirstjen Nielsen to support bipartisan legislation that would protect DACA recipients from being deported. They cited that during her confirmation hearing she agreed that there was a need for legislation to protect DACA recipients and help create a path for citizenship. This story has been shared by major media outlets *Stars & Stripes*, *ABC News* as well as local outlets such as the *Tampa Bay Times*, and *Florence Morning News*, based in Florence, SC. The UK media outlet *Daily Mail* shared this story as well.
- *KIII-TV* reported that Border Patrol agents at the Sarita checkpoint arrested a person who had attempted to smuggle cocaine through the checkpoint in the trunk of their Mercedes. "The efforts they are using to conceal the loads is usually expensive, so this was out of the ordinary for us," said Deputy Patrol Agent in charge of Kingsville Josh Schad. According to agents, usually the cartels try and conceal their drugs loads inside secret compartments, but this bust was unusual considering the dog's ability to smell. "The things they can detect, the minor traces of narcotics they can smell is unbelievable so we couldn't do the job without them," Schad said. This story has yet to be widely reported on in other media outlets, however on the @CustomsBorder Twitter account, it is the tweet with the highest engagement of the period.
- *BuzzFeed* reported that an immigrant father, Jose Demar Fuentes, from Central America seeking asylum in the United States has accused Border Patrol agents of lying and threatening him to persuade him to separate from his 1-year-old son. CBP didn't respond to specific questions about Fuentes or the other fathers, but pointed to their policy on family unity. "CBP will maintain family unity to the greatest extent operationally feasible, absent a legal requirement or an articulable safety or security concern that requires separation," the policy said. While this story has yet to be widely reported in other media outlets, it is gaining traction on *Twitter* since *BuzzFeed* first ran the article in the early morning hours.

### TOP NEWS

1. [Democrats Press Homeland Security Pick on Immigration Issues](#)  
(WBTS-TV; 20k uvm; Newton, MA) ... Richard Lardner

A group of Senate Democrats is pressing President Donald Trump's choice to lead the Homeland Security Department to endorse bipartisan legislation to shield from deportation thousands of young immigrants brought to the U.S. as young children and living here illegally. In a letter sent Friday to Kirstjen Nielsen, the 20 lawmakers said she agreed during her confirmation hearing earlier this month on the need for legislation that would put so-called "Dreamers" on a path to U.S. citizenship. They want to know if that means Nielsen will openly urge Congress to pass the bipartisan Dream Act to "provide the solution that you have recognized is needed." White House spokesman Raj Shah said Nielsen did not express support for any specific legislation during her confirmation hearing. "The Trump administration has laid out its priorities for responsible immigration reform we hope Congress will adopt," Shah said.

2. [Major cocaine bust at Sarita checkpoint](#)

(KIII-TV; 66k uvm; Corpus Christi, TX) ... Michael Gibson

**VIDEO:** Border patrol agents at the Sarita checkpoint said one of their K-9's sniffed out a trunk full of cocaine Wednesday morning. Nearly six million dollars worth of cocaine was discovered during the stop. Kiii News reporter Michael Gibson was at the checkpoint to meet with agents about the incident. "The efforts they are using to conceal the loads is usually expensive, so this was out of the ordinary for us," said Deputy Patrol Agent in charge of Kingsville Josh Schad. According to agents, usually the cartels try and conceal their drugs loads inside secret compartments of even inside car batteries, but this bust was unusual considering the dog's super sense of smell. "The things they can detect, the minor traces of narcotics they can smell is unbelievable so we couldn't do the job without them," Schad said. Investigators believe the drugs were smuggled across an unprotected section of the border and then loaded into the Mercedes.

3. [Immigrant Father Says The Border Patrol Took His Infant Son And Won't Tell Him Where He Is](#)

(BuzzFeed; 17.7M) ... Adolfo Flores

An immigrant father from Central America seeking asylum in the United States has accused Border Patrol agents of lying and threatening him to persuade him to separate from his 1-year-old son. Immigrant rights advocates said the accusation bolsters what they believe is an effort by Border Patrol agents to discourage Central American immigration by separating parents from their children. Jose Demar Fuentes, 30, said he and three other fathers crossed the US border through the Mexican city of Tijuana on Sunday with their children and requested asylum from US immigration authorities. Fuentes said that in three separate meetings, Border Patrol agents in dark green uniforms told him and the other fathers that if they didn't agree to separate themselves from their children, their immigration cases would take longer and there would be problems. "The last time they said we'd better agree because it was 'better to do it the good way and avoid using force in front of the kids,'" Fuentes told BuzzFeed News. "That made us all agree." The fathers and their kids were separated Thursday. The three other fathers could not be reached for comment. US Customs and Border Protection didn't respond to specific questions about Fuentes or the other

fathers, but pointed to their policy on family unity. "CBP will maintain family unity to the greatest extent operationally feasible, absent a legal requirement or an articulable safety or security concern that requires separation," the policy said.

## NEWS INDEX

### BORDER SECURITY

#### *Along U.S. Borders*

4. [Border Patrol Agent Hospitalized after Illegal Immigrant Speeds Through Checkpoint](#)

(Breitbart; 19.1M uvm) ... Bob Price

Border Patrol agents assigned to a checkpoint in East County observed a man approaching in a 2009 Infinity G35 sedan. The driver initiated a U-turn before the checkpoint and drove the wrong way into oncoming traffic, according to information provided to Breitbart Texas by U.S. Border Patrol officials. The driver suddenly executed another U-turn and sped toward the checkpoint—reaching a speed of nearly 70 miles per hour, officials stated. As the driver approached, he swerved out of the lanes of cars waiting for inspection to bypass the position. In doing so, he struck a steel road sign — parts of which struck a Border Patrol agent working nearby. The debris from the sign injured the agent who had to be hospitalized. The driver bypassed the checkpoint and took off on I-8. Agents pursued the fleeing driver. The pursuit reached speeds in excess of 100 mph, officials reported. Suddenly, the driver lost control of the G35 and crashed on a berm. After climbing out of the car, the driver fled on foot. As other agents arrived on the scene, they secured the two occupants and checked them for injuries. Finding none, the agents placed the male passengers under arrest. Other agents pursued the driver on foot. The agents found the driver hiding in the garage of a private home, officials explained. They took the man into custody. An investigation revealed the 27-year-old driver and the two male passengers, ages 27 and 40, were all illegally present in the U.S. The driver faces charges of transporting aliens illegally present in the United States, officials reported. All three Mexican nationals are being held in federal custody.

5. [Border Patrol agents discover drugs taped to 17-year-old girl's body](#)

(KGTV-TV; 2.1M uvm; San Diego, CA) ... Jermaine Ong

A 17-year-old girl was taken into custody at the El Centro border checkpoint after U.S. officials said Border Patrol agents discovered small packages of methamphetamine taped to her body. Customs and Border Protection officials said the teen was a passenger in a Ford Focus that approached the Highway 86 checkpoint at about 1:15 p.m. Wednesday. Officials said three other people were in the vehicle. According to officials, a canine team alerted agents to something suspicious in the vehicle. During a secondary inspection, agents found 10 small packages taped to the teen girl's legs. Officials said the packages -- which weighed a combined 4.21 pounds with an estimated street value of \$14,735 -- "were tested and contained the properties

consistent with methamphetamine." The drugs and the girl, who is a U.S. citizen, were turned over to DEA officials. Officials did not say if the other vehicle occupants were taken into custody.

6. [Suspected MS-13 gang member arrested in northwest North Dakota](#)  
(Grand Forks Herald; 837k uvm; Grand Forks, ND) ... April Baumgarten

A suspected member of a notorious international criminal gang has been arrested in Williston and is being held at the Grand Forks County jail. Border Patrol agents from the Grand Forks Sector of U.S. Customs and Border Protection arrested 39-year-old Concepcion Carcamo-Portillo at 7 p.m. Wednesday, spokesman Kristoffer Grogan confirmed to the Herald. Numerous tips from concerned citizens led officers to the El Salvador national, Grogan said. Investigators determined the man was in the U.S. illegally and is an alleged member of Mara Salvatrucha, also known as the El Salvador-based international criminal organization MS-13. Carcamo-Portillo was booked Thursday evening into the Grand Forks County Correctional Center. "This arrest is a testament to our cooperation with our (Department of Homeland Security) partners to disrupt one of the most dangerous criminal organizations in the United States," Chief Patrol Agent Aaron Heitke, commander of the Grand Forks Sector, said in a statement. "This arrest is the direct result from of information passed from Immigration and Customs Enforcement and a call from a concerned citizen."

7. [Man surrenders at Border Patrol checkpoint following I-25 pursuit](#)  
(Las Cruces Sun-News; 310k uvm; Las Cruces, NM)

**VIDEO:** An Albuquerque man, suspected in a possible kidnapping, surrendered to authorities at the Border Patrol checkpoint north of Las Cruces on Thursday. Epifanio Torres, 30, was charged with aggravated fleeing, a fourth degree felony. Other charges are pending, according to New Mexico State Police. State police said the incident began about 8:29 p.m. when they issued a "be on the lookout" (BOLO) for a red Ford F-150 pickup in reference to a possible kidnapping in Albuquerque. Authorities said information was received from an out-of-state relative, who had been on the phone with a female, reportedly in the backseat of the pickup. The suspect and female had been in a relationship, state police reported. About 45 minutes after the BOLO, state police officers spotted the vehicle traveling south on I-25, near mile post 68. An officer attempted to stop the vehicle, police said, but it did not stop and the driver continued southbound. State Police notified Border Patrol agents at the I-25 checkpoint of the ongoing pursuit. Torres, who was on the phone with the Albuquerque NMSP office, told authorities he would surrender at the checkpoint, which he did without incident, police said. The female passenger was checked by authorities and refused transport to a hospital, police said.

8. [K-9 leads Border Patrol agents to discovery of more than 180 pounds of cocaine](#)  
(Corpus Christi Caller-Times; 191k uvm; Corpus Christi, TX) ... Alexandria Rodriguez

**VIDEO:** An alert from a Border Patrol K-9 in Kingsville led to the discovery of more

than 180 pounds of cocaine at a checkpoint Wednesday. The alert from the K-9 came during a non-intrusive vehicle inspection at the checkpoint. Agents then inspected the truck of the vehicle and found three suitcases with about 185 pounds of cocaine, according to a news release. Drug Enforcement Administration agents took the vehicle, 32 bundles of cocaine, valued at \$5,844,800, and took the driver, a U.S. citizen, into custody, the release states. On Tuesday, agents at the Brownsville Border Patrol Station seized more than 8 pounds of methamphetamine after they were alerted by another K-9. The K-9 alerted an agents to a delivery truck, which led to further inspection, the release states. Agents then found nine packages of methamphetamine, worth more than \$260,000, concealed in liquid foam, according to the release.

9. [Border Patrol nabs two suspected MS-13 gang members](#)

(Corpus Christi Caller-Times; 191k uvm; Corpus Christi, TX) ...Chris Ramirez

**VIDEO:** An El Salvadoran man with ties to the violent street gang MS-13 and a criminal record in his homeland was among those arrested in a Border Patrol operation near Hebbronville. Border Patrol agents arrested an undocumented immigrant Tuesday, according to a news release from the agency. He was among a group of 16 immigrants who were on a ranch near Hebbronville. The Border Patrol said the man, whose identity was not released, had an extensive criminal history in his native country. He had served an eight-year prison sentence there for a homicide conviction and also had a record for illegal possession of a firearm, aggravated robbery and drug trafficking. He was processed for deportation. On Thursday, Border Patrol agents arrested another undocumented immigrant who is believed to be associated with MS-13 near Bruni, in Webb County. That person, also from El Salvador, was processed for deportation. The Trump administration has pledged to get MS-13 and other trans-national gangs off America's streets. The gang is believed to have started in Los Angeles in the 1980s, but became more deeply entrenched in Central America when its leaders were deported. There was no indication immediately that the individuals' arrests were in any way connected to "Operation Raging Bull," a crackdown run conducted by officials from the Department of Homeland Security and Justice Department. That operation ran from Oct. 8 to Nov. 11, and concluded with the arrest of 214 members of MS-13.

*Ports of Entry*

10. [Farmington driver's race car is delayed at Canadian border](#)

(Portland Press Herald; 2.1M uvm; Portland, OR) ... Phil Whipple

For Farmington native Cassius Clark, the anticipation leading up to Saturday's annual Pro All Stars Series Mega-Meltdown 300 at Hickory Motor Speedway in North Carolina has turned to stress. The team for which Clark drives, King Racing, owned by former racer and Canadian businessman Rollie MacDonald, is stuck at the Canadian border with the car and all of the equipment necessary to run this weekend's race. "They've been delayed at the border cross at Houlton since Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m.," Clark said on the phone from North Carolina. "There was a

practice session here yesterday, and there is more on tap for today. It's a 20-hour drive from Houlton to get here, so I sure hope they get released soon." Two other race teams had similar difficulties, Clark said, but were allowed to pass after a lengthy delay. U.S. Customs and Border Protections Public Affairs Officer Stephanie Malin on Friday afternoon released a statement on the matter: "While I cannot get into the specific details of the inspection, I can confirm the individuals were not detained at the port of entry at all," she wrote, "The issue is related to a lack of proper importation documents required for importing a vehicle for racing purposes."

11. [City officials get a tour of the international bridges](#)

(KGNS-TV; 87k uvm; Laredo, TX) ... Phil Whipple

**VIDEO:** A tour of bridge one and two was given to city officials on both sides of the border as they took a look at the status of the ongoing construction project. According to CBP, construction at both bridge one and two is coming along fine. Congressman Henry Cuellar, Mayor Pete Saenz, and Nuevo Laredo and Laredo officials toured both facilities with U.S. General Services Administration and Customs and Border Protection. The project is aimed towards increasing efficiency and improving safety and security for vehicle and pedestrian processing. These updates should reduce vehicle wait times from 33 to 15 minutes and peak pedestrian time from 49 to 21 minutes. Mayor Pete Saenz says there have been talks between him and Nuevo Laredo about the idea of turning bridge one into a pedestrian walkway. Mayor Saenz says CBP has been supportive of the idea and now it's up to him and City Council to decide and work with Nuevo Laredo to see if it's possible. The projected completion dates for bridge one is April 2018 and December 2018 for bridge two.

12. ['No shirt, no service, no Canada'](#)

(Surrey Now-Leader; 17k uvm; Surrey, BC Canada) ... Aaron Hinks

A U.S. man is now in jail after Canada Border Services Agency discovered he had an outstanding felony warrant from Washington State. U.S. Customs and Border Protection issued a news release Friday afternoon titled "No shirt, no service, no Canada," saying the Tacoma man arrived northbound at the Peace Arch (Douglas) crossing in South Surrey, shirtless, and told officers he was heading to Toronto to visit friends. The release says that during a search of a rental vehicle, CBSA found small amounts of meth. After being returned to Blaine, officers confirmed the 23-year-old had a felony warrant from the Washington State Department of Corrections for robbery and escape from community custody, which was issued Nov. 13. "The co-operation between three government agencies is priceless," U.S. CBP area port director Kenneth Williams said in the release. "CBSA, CBP and the sheriff's office worked as a team to get this suspected criminal off the street."

## **BORDER WALL**

13. [Roundtable: A Closer Look At The Border Wall](#)

(KPBS-TV; 278k uvm; San Diego, CA) ... Bennett Lacy, Mark Sauer

**VIDEO:** President Donald Trump is demanding Congress fund the construction of a

wall along America's border with Mexico. Work has already begun, with eight prototypes of new structures recently being showcased in San Diego. In the new series "America's Wall," KPBS and inewsource obtained previously unseen federal documents that detail the existing barriers along the border built under several previous administrations. The series also profiles people on both sides of the border, and both sides of a contentious issue.

14. [Fisher's border wall prototype complete on Southern border](#)

(Dickinson Press; 192k uvm; Dickinson, ND) ... Grady McGregor

Dickinson-based Fisher Industries has completed construction of a border wall prototype along the southern border of the United States near Otay Mesa, Cali. Fisher's wall is made of concrete and while it lacks some of the color and features of other prototypes, like tubing atop the walls or opaque paneling, the wall's simplicity makes it look like one of the more imposing designs. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced that the eight border wall prototypes were completed in late October but this is the first time that the Press has been able to track down available pictures of Fisher's wall prototype. According to a CBP press release from late last month, now that the construction phase is complete they will test and evaluate each wall over a 30- to 60-day period. "Border security contributes to our overall national security and relies on a combination of border infrastructure, technology, personnel, and partnerships," said CBP acting Deputy Commissioner Ron Vitiello in the release. "Border walls have proven to be an extremely effective part of our multi-pronged security strategy to prevent the illegal migration of people and drugs over the years ... These border enforcement zones give our men and women of CBP the best possible conditions to maintain a safe and secure border."

## TRADE

15. [Darling: Fully loaded trucks crossing Anzalduas Bridge by end of 2018](#)

(Rio Grande Guardian; 9k uvm; McAllen, TX) ... Patricia Martinez

McAllen Mayor Jim Darling said that the city is moving forward with plans to have full commercial traffic at the Anzalduas International Bridge by the end of 2018. Since August 2016, the bridge has allowed empty southbound trucks to cross into Mexico. Now, design plans are being finalized for fully loaded trucks to cross the bridge in either direction, giving commercial drivers the option of another port of entry. The plan is to have a joint inspection facility on the north side of the bridge. "Pharr does a great job over there, but it's one bridge," said Darling. "There's just so much potential in our area to only have one. So, we need to get commercial traffic on another bridge." Asked when the bridge may ready to handle loaded trucks going both north- and southbound, Darling said: "I am shooting for the end of 2018. That is why we want to get the design done and get construction going. We are working on that, state monies, federal monies. They have to get their act together in Washington and set a budget and get some funding (going). We will get it done."

## TRAVEL

16. [Nonstop Seattle to Dublin flights to begin May 2018](#)

(Seattle PI; 4.7M uvm; Seattle WA)

Nonstop flights from Seattle to Dublin will start next spring. The Seattle Times reports Irish carrier Aer Lingus said Friday the service will begin May 18, 2018. The service will be provided four times a week. Because Dublin airport has its own U.S. Customs and Border Protection facility, passengers and their luggage will be pre-cleared in Ireland before departure, with no need to go through passport control on arrival in Seattle. This will be the first pre-cleared trans-Atlantic flight to fly into Seattle. Aer Lingus also will provide Seattle passengers connections through Dublin to 24 U.K. and European cities.

17. [CBP gives tips for faster entry times during holiday season](#)

(KGBT-TV; 298k uvm; Harlingen, TX) ... Jolanie Martinez

**VIDEO:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection has tips for international travelers coming to the U.S. during the holiday season. U.S. Customs and Border Protection public information officer Maribel Saenz says the agency is preparing for the large number of shoppers that cross the border during the holiday season, especially after La Plaza Mall's multi-million dollar expansion. Saenz recommends international travelers to apply online for the I-94 form. "A lot of times since it's holiday season, there is a lot more travelers than usual, so that's why we are encouraging everybody to go online, apply online," Saenz said. "They can pay for it online, they bring their receipt with them and we finalize it for them here at the port of entry." To finalize the I-94 process, travelers must present themselves at a port of entry within seven days of their application. Travelers are also encouraged to use their radio frequency identification card to use ready lanes at port of entries. The frequency identification card includes the newer version of the U.S. passport cards, border crossing cards and resident alien card. Saenz says using this method expedites the entry process by 20 percent. "At the window, they will be getting their fingerprints, their picture and a background check to make sure that they qualify for the I-94 and cardboard," said Saenz. "I-94 will be printed and that's what they will have to present at the checkpoint with their travel documents."

CBP's Border Wait Times app also gives hourly updates on lines at each port of entry.

## **WORKFORCE**

18. [Law enforcement K-9s compete in Mercedes](#)

(Brownsville Herald; 75k uvm; Brownsville, TX) ... Cristina M. Garcia

Federal and local agencies were rivals Friday during the 3rd annual South Texas Police K-9 Competition held at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Grounds in Mercedes. Valley law enforcement agencies and others, along with their K-9s, competed in timed narcotic article and vehicle searches, the obedience and confidence course, and criminal apprehension... If you compete and your dog doesn't do so well, that motivates you," Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office K-9 trainer Javier Solis said... U.S. Border Patrol's K-9, Billy-B, was named top dog in the patrol competition.

A Belgian Malinois named Mischa and her handler, Tim Behnke, with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, quickly ran the narcotic article and vehicle searches Friday afternoon. Mischa has stopped more than \$1 million worth of drugs from being smuggled into the U.S. during her more than three years as a law enforcement K-9, according to Behnke. Behnke and Mischa underwent a seven-week training course in Virginia prior to working together at multiple ports of entry in Brownsville. The two have been a team for three and a half years. "It's the best job in the world," Behnke said. "Working with an animal is awesome." Though Behnke didn't place in the vehicles search competition, U.S. Customs and Border Protection's K-9 Coco and his handler, Michael Hufham, placed third. The U.S. Border Patrol was awarded the Best K-9 Unit, while Lusy with Edinburg CISD Police Department took first in the articles search.

19. [CBP AMO Plan Flyover at NASCAR's Championship Weekend](#)  
(American Security Today; 45k uvm)

**VIDEO:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Air and Marine Operations (AMO) aircrews based at the Miami Air and Marine Branch will perform a flyover during NASCAR's championship weekend at Homestead-Miami Speedway in front of tens of thousands of racing fans. CBP's Air and Marine Operations agents from air and marine branches and units in Florida and Texas are assisting with security efforts for the event providing real-time aerial video to ground based law enforcement personnel at the incident command center. Air and Marine Operations interdicts unlawful people and cargo approaching U.S. borders, investigates criminal networks and provides domain awareness in the air and maritime environments, and responds to contingencies and national taskings. "We're a part of this community and honored to serve and protect the public in Greater Miami and the Florida Keys utilizing advanced aeronautical and maritime capabilities," said Martin Wade, Director of the Miami Air and Marine Branch. "Air and Marine Operations highly-skilled agents are often behind the scenes at high profile events to keep things safe and secure along with local, state and federal law enforcement partners."

## OPINION

20. [Former DHS Secretary Tom Ridge: No southern border wall needed](#)  
(CBS Television Network; 26.1 uvm) ... Arden Farhi

**VIDEO:** Tom Ridge, the nation's first secretary of Homeland Security, believes the physical border wall President Donald Trump wants to build on the U.S.-Mexico border isn't necessary. "I don't think we need it," Ridge said. "I think there are things we can do with technology that foregoes the need to build a 3,000 mile border [wall] with a neighbor... I prefer presidents that tear down walls rather than build them." Ridge appeared on "The Takeout" podcast with CBS News chief White House correspondent Major Garrett and political director Steve Chaggaris. Despite his criticism of the President, Ridge, a Republican, praised Mr. Trump's pick to lead the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Kirstjen Nielsen. "This is a woman that's got public and private sector experience. She's been deputy chief of staff to the president now, she was General [John] Kelly's chief of staff [at DHS], she's well

versed and worked with the private sector on preparedness issues and cyber security issues and the like."

## IMMIGRATION

### 21. [Immigrant Who Had Prosthetic Leg Mocked by Trump Officials to Be Freed After 'Inhumane' Detention](#)

(Newsweek; 9.4M uvm) ... Nicole Rodriguez

**VIDEO:** A 20-year-old disabled immigrant detained for more than a month without being charged was to be freed Friday, but he has been stripped of his Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status. After being detained by Customs and Border Protection (CPB) agents on October 11 as part of a human smuggling investigation, Felipe Abonza-Lopez of San Marcos, Texas, was granted a \$7,500 bond and will be released sometime Friday, a legal assistant for Abonza-Lopez's attorney told Newsweek Friday. Abonza-Lopez has lost his DACA status, which had been set to expire in 2019. It was revoked October 12, when he received a notice to appear in immigration court for deportation proceedings, a spokesperson for Citizenship and Immigration Services (ICE) told Newsweek.

### 22. [Trump Administration Cites MS-13 Arrest to Push Change in Minor Immigrant Law](#)

(Daily Signal; 1.1M uvm) ... Fred Lucas

The Trump administration is pointing to a large federal roundup of members of the violent gang MS-13 as vindication of increased enforcement efforts and reason to change the policy on unaccompanied minor illegal immigrants. The Justice Department and Department of Homeland Security announced a joint effort that led to the arrest of 214 gang members and those involved with gang-related crime...Of the 214, just 16 were U.S. citizens while 198 were foreign nationals. Of the foreign nationals, only five were in the country legally. Among those arrested, 64 entered the country as unaccompanied alien children, but most are now adults, according to the Trump administration. During a press conference Thursday announcing the arrests, Tom Homan, deputy director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, noted the 2008 law on unaccompanied minors does not allow them to be immediately returned to their country of origin. "The agencies sent up a series of policy requests to the Hill to address a lot of issues to further control the border and illegal immigration," Homan said. "Some of these policies are being exploited and used by criminal organizations. That's why that's one of the policy issues we asked Congress to look at and help us with."

### 23. [UMD files affidavit in federal lawsuit challenging Trump's latest travel ban](#)

(The Diamondback; 35k uvm) ... Christine Condon

The University of Maryland has filed an affidavit in a federal lawsuit opposing the Trump administration's latest iteration of its travel ban. "Since our students & faculty are impacted by the latest travel ban, #UMD has filed an affidavit in a federal lawsuit in MD challenging the ban's legality," University President Wallace Loh tweeted

Friday. The affidavit was filed in a Maryland district court case surrounding the ban. Federal judges in Maryland and Hawaii issued national orders freezing the ban in October. "It is in the interest of the University, as well as in the national interest, to welcome talented persons of all nations to study, teach, and do research in the United States, in order to maintain and improve America's position as a leader in higher education and research," read the statement, signed by Loh Oct. 10.

## OF INTEREST

24. [Trump halts decision to allow elephant trophy imports after uproar](#)  
(Reuters; 43.6M uvm) ...David Shepardson and Eric Beech

U.S. President Donald Trump said in a tweet on Friday he is putting a decision to allow imports of elephant trophies on hold after a torrent of criticism from conservation advocates and across social media. Trump's reversal came hours after his administration released a rule on Friday to allow hunters who kill elephants in Zimbabwe to bring their trophies back to the United States, which had been banned by the Obama administration. "Put big game trophy decision on hold until such time as I review all conservation facts. Under study for years. Will update soon with Secretary Zinke. Thank you!" Trump wrote. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said in a statement that he had spoken with Trump and "both believe that conservation and healthy herds are critical." He said the "issuing of permits is being put on hold as the decision is being reviewed."

25. [18-year-old accused of shooting CBP agent in Oakleaf said he would "off" cops, according to investigators](#)  
(WOKV-FM; 75.1k uvm; Jacksonville, FL) ... Stephanie Brown

Two months after a Customs and Border Protection Agent was shot in the parking lot of an Oakleaf Publix, new investigative reports are detailing more about the possible motive to the attack. The Clay County Sheriff's Office believed from early in their investigation that the agent was ambushed because he was law enforcement. The victim was leaving the Publix after grabbing some groceries, when CCSO says 18-year-old Jake Lewis sped up and fired multiple shots, hitting the agent multiple times. Lewis then crashed, and CCSO says he died of a self-inflicted gunshot. The agent who was shot underwent surgery and continues to recover. CBP tells us the "signs are encouraging", and the agent is expected to return on limited duty in the near future. That agent has spoken with investigators, and the new supplemental reports show he remembers a suspect pointing a gun out of a car and yelling about hating cops, before shooting.

## SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYSIS

### OF NOTE

- The tweet by @DonaldTrumpJr on November 16 titled "First female Border Patrol chief says agents 'empowered' under Trump" is still the most retweeted of the period, with 6.3k retweets, 20k likes and 765 replies to date.

- As mentioned above, the tweet by Adolfo Flores from the account @aflores titled “Immigrant father says the Border Patrol took his infant son and won't tell him where he is” is gaining attention on Twitter and is the second most retweeted tweet to date. The tweet supplies a link to the *BuzzFeed* article where he is interviewed. The tweet has 327 retweets, 154 likes, and 34 replies to date.
- The tweet to receive the highest engagement of the period on @CustomsBorder is “RGV sector Border Patrol K9’s lead agents to seize over \$6.1 million in narcotics. #KeepingAmericaSafe.” The tweet has received 20 retweets, 55 likes, 6 replies and 180,000 potential impressions to date. The tweet provides a link to the *KIII TV* news article on the bust.

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The latest edition of the Trump Administration's travel ban had several lawsuits filed on 2 October as detailed in a vastly distributed *Associated Press* article. One lawsuit concerning the ban was filed by the Iranian Alliance Across Borders against the acting Commissioner of CBP, Kevin McAleenan, and the acting Secretary of Homeland Security, Elaine Duke, among other top officials.
- NAFTA negotiations continued to make headlines across major media sources such as *The Hill* as well as in smaller industry publications such as *HDT: Heavy Duty Trucking*.
- Top tier media outlets, such as *Reuters* and *Politico*, reported on a White House dinner that was said to be hosting Republican lawmakers on the evening of 2 October to discuss immigration and border security policy. The results of the dinner are highly anticipated due to the outcome of a similar dinner with Democrat policymakers hosted a few weeks prior.

### TOP NEWS

#### 1. Travel ban lawsuits filed by legal center, Muslim advocates (Associated Press)

A coalition of Muslim and Iranian-American advocates and a nonpartisan legal institute filed the first lawsuits against the Trump administration's new travel restrictions for citizens of eight countries, including Iran, that were announced late last month. The lawsuits were filed Monday in federal courts in New York and Maryland.... One lawsuit, filed Monday night in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Maryland on behalf of the Iranian Alliance Across Borders and six individuals, argues that restricting travel for citizens of predominantly Muslim countries violates the U.S. Constitution.... The Iranian Alliance Across Borders lawsuit is filed against Trump, acting Secretary of Homeland Security Elaine Duke, acting Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection Kevin McAleenan, acting Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services James McCament, Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson.

## **2. NAFTA talks a chance to refit trade for the future**

(The Hill; 11.9M uvm) ... Kevin Self

For more than 23 years, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) has set the foundation for open, prosperous trade within North America, spurring economic growth and cooperation across three countries while serving as a global model to follow as the largest free trade agreement in the world. ...As part of a proposed technological refresh, NAFTA should consider the introductions of IT systems and software within customs and trade facilitation functions to reduce border delays and other negative repercussions on cross-border trade. This includes leveraging today's available technology to eliminate confusing fees, automating burdensome documentation requirements, streamlining redundant security programs, strengthening inadequate infrastructure, connecting disjointed regulations and minimizing changes to customs regulations without notice.

## **3. Trump discusses immigration ideas in dinner with Republican lawmakers**

(Reuters; 43.7M uvm)

President Donald Trump is discussing border security and other measures that the White House wants to see included in an immigration bill during a dinner with Republican lawmakers on Monday, an administration official said. Legal authority to close border security "loopholes" and other immigration reform measures were on the agenda for the dinner between Trump and House of Representatives Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy and House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte, the official said. ... The White House dinner could influence the broad principles on immigration reform that Trump's team is planning to release in the future, the official said.

# **NEWS INDEX**

## **HURRICANES**

## **4. The Daily 202: Trump's tweets make matters worse in Puerto Rico and North Korea**

(Washington Post; 43.9M uvm) ... James Hohmann

**VIDEO:** An instinct to counterpunch often leads Trump to try putting out fires with gasoline. That does not always best serve his, or the country's, interests. This weekend brought two fresh illustrations that the president may say it best when he says nothing at all. Puerto Ricans were outraged that Trump spent last weekend at war with the National Football League over the national anthem and said nothing about their suffering in the wake of Hurricane Maria. Be careful what you wish for: Trump tweeted 24 times about Puerto Rico on Saturday and Sunday. But most of the messages attacked local leaders, ripped media coverage of the humanitarian disaster as "fake news" and praised the "GREAT JOB" his team is doing.

## **BORDER SECURITY**

5. **Records: Border Patrol agents detain smuggler and two Chinese citizens in McAllen**

(KGBT; 297.7k uvm; Harlingen, TX)

Border Patrol agents detained two Chinese citizens last week in McAllen after receiving a tip from a concerned citizen. A tipster told agents that Rosa America Tijerina-Richie "was harboring two undocumented aliens of Asian descent at a Super 8 Hotel in McAllen," according to the federal criminal complaint against her. Agents started watching the hotel.

6. **8 undocumented immigrants arrested at N.H. checkpoint, officials say**

(Concord Monitor; 164.2k uvm; Concord, NH) ... Ethan DeWitt

U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents reported arresting eight undocumented immigrants from four countries at an Interstate 93 checkpoint in Woodstock last week, the second such operation since August. Of those detained, two had overstayed their visas, according to an agency news release Monday. Detainees hailed from Bulgaria, Guatemala, Ecuador and El Salvador, the agency said. ... Along with the undocumented immigrants, border patrol agents reported seizing 71 grams of marijuana, 297 grams of marijuana edibles and 5 ounces of hash oil. The release did not specify whether the drugs were taken from U.S. citizens or undocumented immigrants. ... But Chief Patrol Agent John Pfeifer, of the Swanton Sector station in Vermont – which oversees the New Hampshire checkpoint – called it a valuable tool. "Swanton Sector utilizes inspection checkpoints as part of our defense-in-depth strategy" he said in a statement. "U.S. Border Patrol checkpoints are part of an intricate, multi-faceted strategic plan focusing on information, integration and rapid response capabilities, which aid in border security."

7. **Orange County, California, is ICE's island of support in sanctuary state**

(The Center for Investigative Reporting; 123.5k uvm)

One day in May, Jeremias Estrada left his wife behind in Mexico and crossed the international bridge from Tijuana to the San Ysidro port of entry in San Diego. Estrada walked right into the hands of the U.S. Border Patrol, just as he'd planned, and requested asylum. Estrada was one of dozens of asylum seekers to cross that day. They arrived as a group to avoid being turned away by border agents on the bridge, a violation of international law that has become increasingly common since Donald Trump became president. Last year, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement might have let Estrada live in freedom until his date with a judge. But under Trump, ICE has been placing far more asylum seekers in detention.

8. **Border Patrol Rescues Illegal Immigrants Crammed into After-Market Compartment of Chevy Suburban**

(San Angelo Live!; 95.6k uvm) ... Joe Hyde

U.S. Border Patrol agents from the Carrizo Springs Station arrested a man attempting to smuggle three people inside an after-market vehicle compartment, with only inches

of room. "Smuggling organizations continually disregard human safety in the cowardly pursuit of profit," said Acting Chief Patrol Agent Matthew J. Hudak, Del Rio Sector. "Thanks to the vigilance of our agents, this life-threatening situation was successfully resolved."

**9. Customs and Border Protection's IT hurts its ability to secure the border, IG say**

(FedScoop; 57k uvm) ... Tajha Chappellet-Lanier

In an era of travel bans and extreme vetting, a Department of Homeland Security inspector general's report released last week suggests some key border insecurities are a bit more basic — stemming from Customs and Border Protection's IT weaknesses. "CBP's IT systems and infrastructure did not fully support its border security objective of preventing the entry of inadmissible aliens to the country," the report states. "The slow performance of a critical pre-screening system greatly reduced Office of Field Operations officers' ability to identify any passengers who may represent concerns, including national security threats." Additionally, the report says, "frequent" system outages mean officers at international airports find themselves relying on backup systems that are weaker when it comes to identifying travelers. "System challenges caused passenger delays and prompted the need to use backup screening methods that did not provide the same level of assurance for vetting passengers prior to entry into the United States," the report states. ... "Users told us that within the legacy environment, system response times and ease of navigation allowed them to complete pre-screening checks fairly effectively," the report states. "However, the legacy environment was outdated and no longer supportable; therefore, CBP had to undertake efforts to modernize. OFO officers we interviewed stated they experienced poor system performance after switching to the modernized environment."

**10. Border patrol rescues 1, finds skeletal remains**

(KZTV; 39.7k uvm; Corpus Christi, TX)

U.S. Border Patrol agents rescue a lost subject and discover human skeletal remains. On Sunday, October 1, 2017, the Brooks County Sheriff's Office alerted Falfurrias agents of a distressed 911 caller who was lost near Encino, Texas. Agents responded to the last known GPS coordinates of the phone call and rescued a single female that had been abandoned by her smuggler. Agents provided basic medical care for the subject.

**11. Memo To Border Patrol Agents: What To Do With DACA Recipients At Checkpoints**

(RGV Proud; 18.5k uvm; Brownsville, TX) ... Jose Saenz

**VIDEO:** In early September U.S. Border Patrol officials sent a memo to agents at the checkpoints. The memo that gives them guidance on what to do when they encounter a DACA recipient. For several immigration lawyers across the valley, that information was very alarming. Immigration Attorney Norma Sepulveda said, "They'll do a records check and if they find any derogatory information, or any kind of issue that may bring

concern to this border patrol officer, that maybe USCIS should not have granted their status. They now have the authority to contact USCIS directly and to determine whether to terminate DACA status immediately upon that conversation." ... Sepulveda urges DACA recipients to meet with their lawyer before making any travel plans... She says, every agent will have different judgement. "To give that kind of power to a border patrol agent... to terminate their status immediately, that's a lot of power. That's a lot of power, and in the wrong hands can go a wrong way." Added Sepulveda

## **BORDER WALL**

### **12. Work Progressing On Mexico Border Wall Prototypes**

(KPBS; 277.8k uvm; San Diego, CA) ... Erik Anderson

Construction crews are already building some of the border wall prototypes along the U.S.-Mexico border near San Diego. A construction crew used a crane to hoist a 30-foot tall border fence section into place just a few dozen feet north of Mexico. The operation took less than 20 minutes. Another piece of the structure was already waiting on a flatbed truck brought to this location just east of San Diego's Brown Field. The demonstration project is part of the Trump Administration's plan to replace and install walls between Mexico and the United States.

## **TRADE**

### **13. All foods labeled organic aren't necessarily the same; suspicions raised over imports**

(Milwaukee Journal Sentinel; 4.8M uvm) ... Rick Barrett

**VIDEO:** One of the biggest threats to U.S. organic farming, those in the industry say, comes from products labeled "organic" but aren't the real deal. In September, for instance, an inspector general audit from the U.S. Department of Agriculture noted that safeguards for consumers were lacking for products coming from overseas. The audit also said some imported organic produce shipments were fumigated with pesticides at the border, in violation of organic standards.

### **14. Fossil Fuel Companies Prepare to Square Off with Trump Over NAFTA**

(Triple Pundit; 436k uvm) ... Jan Lee

For U.S. oil and gas companies, the contentious North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) negotiations couldn't come at a worse time. Mexico's privatization of its energy sector is moving along speedily. Opportunities for private foreign investment, for the first time in more than a half-decade, are swelling. In July 2017, Mexico launched a liberalized natural gas market, following the example of European and South American countries that have historically relied on cautious federal control of oil and gas investment and production. For Mexico, which announced its plan to open its oil fields to foreign investors in 2013, the switch represents unparalleled "accelerated growth for a country with massive oil and gas resources, excellent infrastructure, a transparent investment framework," says Steve

Hanson, CEO for International Frontier Resources Corp., one of the companies that is currently eyeing investment in Mexico. "In short, it is the largest energy opportunity in the world today — and the door has just been opened." There's just one potential impediment to those successful U.S. investments. President Trump.

15. **ATA: Keep NAFTA's Mexican Truck Proviso to Curb Border Congestion**  
(HDT: Heavy Duty Trucking; 156.2k uvm) ... David Cullen

In no uncertain terms, the American Trucking Associations has made it clear it continues to support the provision within the North American Free Trade Agreement that allows approved Mexico-based motor carriers to operate in the U.S. ATA Chief Economist and Senior Vice President Robert Costello stated in a Sept. 29 letter to United States Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer that the trucking lobby supports the Mexican truck program because it has helped reduce congestion at U.S.-Mexico ports of entry. "Congestion increases without NAFTA's trucking provisions because trailers often return empty after delivering freight across the border," he wrote. "Sometimes 'Bobtails' (tractors without trailers) deliver a trailer only one-way across the border and return solo; and, bobtails and empties are also required to be inspected at the port of entry just like loaded trailers."

## TRAVEL

16. **First Travel Ban Order Left Officials Confused, Documents Show**  
(New York Times; 29.9M uvm) ... Matt Stevens

It took nearly two hours from when President Trump signed his first attempt at a travel ban for the head of United States Customs and Border Protection to get an official version of the president's executive order. ... Michael Friel, a spokesman for Customs and Border Protection, said he was not authorized to speak about specific internal correspondence. Speaking generally about policies and procedures, he said, "We have real-time information and intelligence that arise, and this organization is very experienced with adapting on a dime." When an order comes down, he said, "there is an implementation that occurs, and with any implementation you're going to need to coordinate it and communicate about it." ... At 5:24 p.m., about 40 minutes after Mr. Trump signed the order, Kevin McAleenan, the acting commissioner of Customs and Border Protection, asked in an email whether the agency had official confirmation it had been signed. "Any way I can get the latest version electronically?" he asked in an email to several officials. A minute later, an official replied, "they really need the signed version to assist in execution." At 6:32 p.m., Mr. McAleenan received the final version. ... Emails detail the back and forth between officials as they tried to figure out whether the order was applicable to green card holders. Soon after Mr. McAleenan got the signed order, he asked about that issue.

## WORKFORCE

17. **Discussion of hiring a legal consultant for Ohio University's international students continues**  
(The Post Athens; Athens, OH) ... Julia Evertsy

"President Obama was directed by regulation to hire a certain number of U.S. (Customs and Border Protection agents)," Robinson said. "The number, by law, he fell short of that number by seven or eight thousand people. Under his administration, he just could not find enough qualified people." Robinson also said the Trump administration has required more Customs and Border Protections agents than Obama's administration. "(Trump is) no longer subjecting these agents to a lie detector test, no longer checking if they are susceptible to corruption, or really any other previously disqualifying event in the past," he said. With standards lowering for those positions, Robinson warned students about changes that international students should expect, including attacks on the H1B visa program, or the "work force" of immigration, as well as attempts to create a quantitative immigration system. That system could "cap immigration on historic levels," according to Robinson.

## OPINION

### 18. Letters: Oct. 3, 2017: Concerned About Cuts

(Press Republican; 188.4k uvm; Plattsburgh, NY) ... Jamey A. Goheens

TO THE EDITOR: In my role as president of Chapter 138 of the National Treasury Employees Union, I represent a group of middle-class Americans who are proud to work for the U.S. government but are concerned about some of the talk in Washington about budget cuts. Many of us chose to work for the government because of the professional challenge and the opportunity to serve the public, sometimes at salaries lower than we could receive in the private sector. Part of that decision was to work in exchange for a modest retirement provided by the Federal Employees Retirement System. The system is fully funded and financially sound. ... The members of Chapter 138 who work in Customs and Border Protection urge Congress to respect that compact and allow federal employees to retire with the security they have been promised.

## OF INTEREST

### 19. Trump to talk immigration with Republicans at White House dinner

(Politico; 23.9M uvm) ... Seung Min Kim and John Bresnahan

President Donald Trump will dine Monday night with several influential Republican lawmakers who play a major role on immigration policy, according to multiple sources. Attending the dinner at the White House are House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.), Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn (R-Texas), House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.), and Sens. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) and David Perdue (R-Ga.), according to two people familiar with the invite list. ... During a similar dinner last month with Democratic leaders, Trump agreed to a deal to enact the Dream Act into law in exchange for modest border security measures that did not include a wall along the southern border, according to House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer. The conversation at Monday night's dinner with Republicans is sure to be different.

20. **How Mexico Deals with Trump**

(The New Yorker; 19.1M uvm) ... Jon Lee Anderson

Trump began his assault on Mexico almost as soon as he announced his candidacy for President. In a rambling speech at Trump Tower on June 16, 2015, he blamed Mexico for stealing American jobs, and for allowing its worst elements to cross the border: "They're bringing drugs, they're bringing crime, they're rapists." To solve the problem, he pledged, "I will build a great, great wall on our southern border. And I will have Mexico pay for that wall." These ideas proved popular with Trump supporters, and rants about Mexico were soon a regular feature of his campaign events. ... Videgaray pointed out that Mexico had its own concerns about migrants and drugs crossing its southern border; he agreed with Kushner that updating nafta's provisions could be a "win-win" for their countries. ... Videgaray, though, has often been made to remember that Trump campaigned on a promise of America First. Soon after the Inauguration, he and Mexico's economy secretary, Ildefonso Guajardo, flew to Washington to meet their new counterparts. Not long after they landed, they learned that Trump had issued one of his first executive orders, calling for the construction of the border wall.

21. **2,000 Miles Of Yarn To Make Up Border Wall Exhibit At Smart Museum Of Art**

(DNA Info; 324.5k uvm) ... Sam Cholke

The Smart Museum of Art has collected more than 1,000 miles of yarn knitted into blankets. It needs 1,000 miles more. The museum is collecting so much yarn to reach 2,000 miles, the length of President Donald Trump's proposed border wall, as part of its first exhibit under the museum's new director. Alison Gass started as the new director of the museum, 5550 S. Greenwood Ave., in May and one of her first major projects was to bring in artist and designer Jayna Zweiman. Zweiman created the Pussyhat Project and became known nationwide when the knit pink hat became the symbol of the Women's March. Zweiman has tapped back into that network of knitters and crafters to try to create blankets from 1,989 miles of yarn, the distance of President Trump's proposed border wall, and then give those blankets out to refugee families coming to the United States.

22. **20-year-old man faces federal drug charges after 100 kilos of meth found**

(The Monitor; 188k uvm; McAllen, TX) ... Lorenzo Zazueta-Castro

A 20-year-old man faces federal drug charges after nearly 100 kilos of methamphetamine was found inside his father's tractor trailer. According to court records, Homeland Security Investigations special agents arrested Guillermo Calderon Jr. of McAllen last month after he admitted to playing a role in a meth smuggling operation. ... On that day, authorities with U.S. Customs and Border Protection notified HSI agents that a tractor trailer bearing Mexican plates possibly had an undisclosed amount of narcotics stashed within, and that they should keep an eye on it after they allowed it to cross into the U.S., records show.

23. **Ex-Border Protection Officer Sentenced to Probation**

(Times of San Diego; 160k uvm) ... Hoa Quach

A former U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer at the Calexico West port of entry, who lied on his background investigation questionnaire about his 2009 arrest for shoplifting, was sentenced in San Diego Monday to probation and ordered to complete 40 days at a halfway house and 200 hours of community service. Eric Alfonso Marquez, 37, who was employed by U.S. Customs and Border Protection from 2009 until he was fired this year, was arrested with his wife on Aug. 9. 2009, on suspicion of shoplifting at the Burlington Coat Factory store in El Centro. Marquez was convicted in May of making a false statement on the background questionnaire stemming from his shoplifting arrest.

24. **California congressman requests pardons for Ramos and Compean**  
(Sonoran News; 48.9k uvm; Cave Creek, AZ)

On Sept. 22, U.S. Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., sent a letter to President Donald Trump to bring his attention to the pardon requests for two former Border Patrol agents, Ignacio "Nacho" Ramos, Jr. and Jose Compean, currently awaiting review at the Department of Justice in the Office of the Pardon Attorney. Ramos and Compean were sentenced in 2006 to mandatory prison sentences of 11 and 12 years, respectively, for an incident that involved the shooting of illegal alien drug smuggler they were pursuing.

25. **DHS S&T Project Aims to Repurpose Analytic Tools for Border Security Operations**  
(ExecutiveGov; 20.5k uvm) ... Scott Nicholas

The Department of Homeland Security's science and technology directorate has launched a new project to repurpose, modify or integrate existing commercial and government analytic tools into border security platforms. ... "By developing these capabilities... we will be ready to fully exploit the robust commercial satellite constellations when it is realized in the coming years," said Jon McEntee, acting director of the S&T borders and maritime security division within the Homeland Security Advanced Research Projects Agency.

26. **UW Center for Human Rights studies law enforcement collaboration with federal agencies on immigration**  
(University of Washington News) ... Peter Kelley

Cities and counties concerned about immigrant rights should closely examine law enforcement's collaboration with federal immigration authorities — and the role a for-profit company has in drafting language used in many law enforcement policy manuals — according to a new report from the University of Washington's Center for Human Rights. The center, in the Jackson School of International Studies, has released the first in a series of research memos under an initiative called Human Rights at Home, which seeks to "strengthen the work of frontline human rights organizations in Washington state." The memo, first in a planned series, is titled "Don't Ask, Do Tell: Local Law Enforcement Collaboration with ICE/CBP." It notes the

center's (thus far unanswered) requests for information from Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) — about immigration enforcement in Washington state.

## 27. DHS Plan to Search Immigrants' Social Media Affects All Citizens

(Best VPN) ... Ray Walsh

Privacy advocates have condemned the US Department of Homeland Security's plans to begin using social media entries to assess immigrants. Concerns are being raised that the oppressive policy will severely hamper people's ability to communicate freely online without fear of repercussions. ... The EFF states quite clearly that: "DHS should stop subjecting law-abiding immigrants to social media surveillance."

Unfortunately, if recent actions by US Customs and Border Protection are anything to go by (they have been ramping up stop and search activities that force people to hand over digital devices and passwords, for example), the DHS is unlikely to cease these invasive practices.

### SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYSIS

#### OF NOTE

- Relief efforts in Puerto Rico continued to be a popular topic of discussion on the social media platform, Twitter. Approximately 15% of tweets directed at the CBP Twitter account contained the words *Puerto Rico*.
- The agency's tweet on the seizure of \$3M+ worth of crystal methamphetamine garnered the highest engagement of the account for the day with 28 retweets, 66 likes and 4 comments.
- Interestingly, @CustomsBorder was included in many tweets concerning the recent mass shooting in Las Vegas and was the most significant topic for the agency on Twitter.

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## Daily Media Summary October 3, 2017

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The latest edition of the Trump Administration's travel ban had several lawsuits filed on 2 October as detailed in a vastly distributed *Associated Press* article. One lawsuit concerning the ban was filed by the Iranian Alliance Across Borders against the acting Commissioner of CBP, Kevin McAleenan, and the acting Secretary of Homeland Security, Elaine Duke, among other top officials.
- NAFTA negotiations continued to make headlines across major media sources such as *The Hill* as well as in smaller industry publications such as *HDT: Heavy Duty Trucking*.
- Top tier media outlets, such as *Reuters* and *Politico*, reported on a White House dinner that was said to be hosting Republican lawmakers on the evening of 2 October to discuss immigration and border security policy. The results of the dinner are highly anticipated due to the outcome of a similar dinner with Democrat policymakers hosted a few weeks prior.

### TOP NEWS

#### **1. Travel ban lawsuits filed by legal center, Muslim advocates** (Associated Press)

A coalition of Muslim and Iranian-American advocates and a nonpartisan legal institute filed the first lawsuits against the Trump administration's new travel restrictions for citizens of eight countries, including Iran, that were announced late last month. The lawsuits were filed Monday in federal courts in New York and Maryland.... One lawsuit, filed Monday night in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Maryland on behalf of the Iranian Alliance Across Borders and six individuals, argues that restricting travel for citizens of predominantly Muslim countries violates the U.S. Constitution....The Iranian Alliance Across Borders lawsuit is filed against Trump, acting Secretary of Homeland Security Elaine Duke, acting Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection Kevin McAleenan, acting Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services James McCamant, Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson.

#### **2. NAFTA talks a chance to refit trade for the future** (The Hill; 11.9M uvm) ... Kevin Self

For more than 23 years, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) has set the foundation for open, prosperous trade within North America, spurring economic



growth and cooperation across three countries while serving as a global model to follow as the largest free trade agreement in the world. ...As part of a proposed technological refresh, NAFTA should consider the introductions of IT systems and software within customs and trade facilitation functions to reduce border delays and other negative repercussions on cross-border trade. This includes leveraging today's available technology to eliminate confusing fees, automating burdensome documentation requirements, streamlining redundant security programs, strengthening inadequate infrastructure, connecting disjointed regulations and minimizing changes to customs regulations without notice.

**3. Trump discusses immigration ideas in dinner with Republican lawmakers**  
(Reuters; 43.7M uvm)

President Donald Trump is discussing border security and other measures that the White House wants to see included in an immigration bill during a dinner with Republican lawmakers on Monday, an administration official said. Legal authority to close border security "loopholes" and other immigration reform measures were on the agenda for the dinner between Trump and House of Representatives Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy and House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte, the official said. ... The White House dinner could influence the broad principles on immigration reform that Trump's team is planning to release in the future, the official said.

## NEWS INDEX

### HURRICANES

**4. The Daily 202: Trump's tweets make matters worse in Puerto Rico and North Korea**  
(Washington Post; 43.9M uvm) ... James Hohmann

**VIDEO:** An instinct to counterpunch often leads Trump to try putting out fires with gasoline. That does not always best serve his, or the country's, interests. This weekend brought two fresh illustrations that the president may say it best when he says nothing at all. Puerto Ricans were outraged that Trump spent last weekend at war with the National Football League over the national anthem and said nothing about their suffering in the wake of Hurricane Maria. Be careful what you wish for: Trump tweeted 24 times about Puerto Rico on Saturday and Sunday. But most of the messages attacked local leaders, ripped media coverage of the humanitarian disaster as "fake news" and praised the "GREAT JOB" his team is doing.

### BORDER SECURITY

*Along U.S. Borders*

**5. Records: Border Patrol agents detain smuggler and two Chinese citizens in McAllen**



(KGBT; 297.7k uvm; Harlingen, TX)

Border Patrol agents detained two Chinese citizens last week in McAllen after receiving a tip from a concerned citizen. A tipster told agents that Rosa America Tijerina-Richie "was harboring two undocumented aliens of Asian descent at a Super 8 Hotel in McAllen," according to the federal criminal complaint against her. Agents started watching the hotel.

**6. 8 undocumented immigrants arrested at N.H. checkpoint, officials say**  
(Concord Monitor; 164.2k uvm; Concord, NH) ... Ethan DeWitt

U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents reported arresting eight undocumented immigrants from four countries at an Interstate 93 checkpoint in Woodstock last week, the second such operation since August. Of those detained, two had overstayed their visas, according to an agency news release Monday. Detainees hailed from Bulgaria, Guatemala, Ecuador and El Salvador, the agency said. ... Along with the undocumented immigrants, border patrol agents reported seizing 71 grams of marijuana, 297 grams of marijuana edibles and 5 ounces of hash oil. The release did not specify whether the drugs were taken from U.S. citizens or undocumented immigrants. ... But Chief Patrol Agent John Pfeifer, of the Swanton Sector station in Vermont – which oversees the New Hampshire checkpoint – called it a valuable tool. "Swanton Sector utilizes inspection checkpoints as part of our defense-in-depth strategy" he said in a statement. "U.S. Border Patrol checkpoints are part of an intricate, multi-faceted strategic plan focusing on information, integration and rapid response capabilities, which aid in border security."

**7. Orange County, California, is ICE's island of support in sanctuary state**  
(The Center for Investigative Reporting; 123.5k uvm)

One day in May, Jeremias Estrada left his wife behind in Mexico and crossed the international bridge from Tijuana to the San Ysidro port of entry in San Diego. Estrada walked right into the hands of the U.S. Border Patrol, just as he'd planned, and requested asylum. Estrada was one of dozens of asylum seekers to cross that day. They arrived as a group to avoid being turned away by border agents on the bridge, a violation of international law that has become increasingly common since Donald Trump became president. Last year, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement might have let Estrada live in freedom until his date with a judge. But under Trump, ICE has been placing far more asylum seekers in detention.

**8. Border Patrol Rescues Illegal Immigrants Crammed into After-Market Compartment of Chevy Suburban**  
(San Angelo Live!; 95.6k uvm) ... Joe Hyde

U.S. Border Patrol agents from the Carrizo Springs Station arrested a man attempting to smuggle three people inside an after-market vehicle compartment, with only inches of room. "Smuggling organizations continually disregard human safety in the cowardly



pursuit of profit,” said Acting Chief Patrol Agent Matthew J. Hudak, Del Rio Sector. “Thanks to the vigilance of our agents, this life-threatening situation was successfully resolved.”

**9. Customs and Border Protection’s IT hurts its ability to secure the border, IG say**

(FedScoop; 57k uvm) ... Tajha Chappellet-Lanier

In an era of travel bans and extreme vetting, a Department of Homeland Security inspector general’s report released last week suggests some key border insecurities are a bit more basic — stemming from Customs and Border Protection’s IT weaknesses. “CBP’s IT systems and infrastructure did not fully support its border security objective of preventing the entry of inadmissible aliens to the country,” the report states. “The slow performance of a critical pre-screening system greatly reduced Office of Field Operations officers’ ability to identify any passengers who may represent concerns, including national security threats.” Additionally, the report says, “frequent” system outages mean officers at international airports find themselves relying on backup systems that are weaker when it comes to identifying travelers. “System challenges caused passenger delays and prompted the need to use backup screening methods that did not provide the same level of assurance for vetting passengers prior to entry into the United States,” the report states. ... “Users told us that within the legacy environment, system response times and ease of navigation allowed them to complete pre-screening checks fairly effectively,” the report states. “However, the legacy environment was outdated and no longer supportable; therefore, CBP had to undertake efforts to modernize. OFO officers we interviewed stated they experienced poor system performance after switching to the modernized environment.”

**10. Border patrol rescues 1, finds skeletal remains**

(KZTV; 39.7k uvm; Corpus Christi, TX)

U.S. Border Patrol agents rescue a lost subject and discover human skeletal remains. On Sunday, October 1, 2017, the Brooks County Sheriff’s Office alerted Falfurrias agents of a distressed 911 caller who was lost near Encino, Texas. Agents responded to the last known GPS coordinates of the phone call and rescued a single female that had been abandoned by her smuggler. Agents provided basic medical care for the subject.

**11. Memo To Border Patrol Agents: What To Do With DACA Recipients At Checkpoints**

(RGV Proud; 18.5k uvm; Brownsville, TX) ... Jose Saenz

**VIDEO:** In early September U.S. Border Patrol officials sent a memo to agents at the checkpoints. The memo that gives them guidance on what to do when they encounter a DACA recipient. For several immigration lawyers across the valley, that information was very alarming. Immigration Attorney Norma Sepulveda said, “They’ll do a records check and if they find any derogatory information, or any kind of issue that may bring concern



to this border patrol officer, that maybe USCIS should not have granted their status. They now have the authority to contact USCIS directly and to determine whether to terminate DACA status immediately upon that conversation." ... Sepulveda urges DACA recipients to meet with their lawyer before making any travel plans... She says, every agent will have different judgement. "To give that kind of power to a border patrol agent... to terminate their status immediately, that's a lot of power. That's a lot of power, and in the wrong hands can go a wrong way." Added Sepulveda

## **BORDER WALL**

### **12. Work Progressing On Mexico Border Wall Prototypes**

(KPBS; 277.8k uvm; San Diego, CA) ... Erik Anderson

Construction crews are already building some of the border wall prototypes along the U.S.-Mexico border near San Diego. A construction crew used a crane to hoist a 30-foot tall border fence section into place just a few dozen feet north of Mexico. The operation took less than 20 minutes. Another piece of the structure was already waiting on a flatbed truck brought to this location just east of San Diego's Brown Field. The demonstration project is part of the Trump Administration's plan to replace and install walls between Mexico and the United States.

## **TRADE**

### **13. All foods labeled organic aren't necessarily the same; suspicions raised over imports**

(Milwaukee Journal Sentinel; 4.8M uvm) ... Rick Barrett

**VIDEO:** One of the biggest threats to U.S. organic farming, those in the industry say, comes from products labeled "organic" but aren't the real deal. In September, for instance, an inspector general audit from the U.S. Department of Agriculture noted that safeguards for consumers were lacking for products coming from overseas. The audit also said some imported organic produce shipments were fumigated with pesticides at the border, in violation of organic standards.

### **14. Fossil Fuel Companies Prepare to Square Off with Trump Over NAFTA**

(Triple Pundit; 436k uvm) ... Jan Lee

For U.S. oil and gas companies, the contentious North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) negotiations couldn't come at a worse time. Mexico's privatization of its energy sector is moving along speedily. Opportunities for private foreign investment, for the first time in more than a half-decade, are swelling. In July 2017, Mexico launched a liberalized natural gas market, following the example of European and South American countries that have historically relied on cautious federal control of oil and gas investment and production. For Mexico, which announced its plan to open its oil fields to foreign investors in 2013, the switch represents unparalleled "accelerated growth for a country with massive oil and gas resources, excellent infrastructure, a transparent investment framework," says Steve Hanson, CEO for International Frontier Resources



Corp., one of the companies that is currently eyeing investment in Mexico. "In short, it is the largest energy opportunity in the world today — and the door has just been opened." There's just one potential impediment to those successful U.S. investments. President Trump.

**15. ATA: Keep NAFTA's Mexican Truck Proviso to Curb Border Congestion**

(HDT: Heavy Duty Trucking; 156.2k uvm) ... David Cullen

In no uncertain terms, the American Trucking Associations has made it clear it continues to support the provision within the North American Free Trade Agreement that allows approved Mexico-based motor carriers to operate in the U.S. ATA Chief Economist and Senior Vice President Robert Costello stated in a Sept. 29 letter to United States Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer that the trucking lobby supports the Mexican truck program because it has helped reduce congestion at U.S.-Mexico ports of entry. "Congestion increases without NAFTA's trucking provisions because trailers often return empty after delivering freight across the border," he wrote. "Sometimes 'Bobtails' (tractors without trailers) deliver a trailer only one-way across the border and return solo; and, bobtails and empties are also required to be inspected at the port of entry just like loaded trailers."

**TRAVEL**

**16. First Travel Ban Order Left Officials Confused, Documents Show**

(New York Times; 29.9M uvm) ... Matt Stevens

It took nearly two hours from when President Trump signed his first attempt at a travel ban for the head of United States Customs and Border Protection to get an official version of the president's executive order. ... Michael Friel, a spokesman for Customs and Border Protection, said he was not authorized to speak about specific internal correspondence. Speaking generally about policies and procedures, he said, "We have real-time information and intelligence that arise, and this organization is very experienced with adapting on a dime." When an order comes down, he said, "there is an implementation that occurs, and with any implementation you're going to need to coordinate it and communicate about it." ... At 5:24 p.m., about 40 minutes after Mr. Trump signed the order, Kevin McAleenan, the acting commissioner of Customs and Border Protection, asked in an email whether the agency had official confirmation it had been signed. "Any way I can get the latest version electronically?" he asked in an email to several officials. A minute later, an official replied, "they really need the signed version to assist in execution." At 6:32 p.m., Mr. McAleenan received the final version. ... Emails detail the back and forth between officials as they tried to figure out whether the order was applicable to green card holders. Soon after Mr. McAleenan got the signed order, he asked about that issue.

**WORKFORCE**

**17. Discussion of hiring a legal consultant for Ohio University's international students continues**



(The Post Athens; Athens, OH) ... Julia Evertsy

"President Obama was directed by regulation to hire a certain number of U.S. (Customs and Border Protection agents)," Robinson said. "The number, by law, he fell short of that number by seven or eight thousand people. Under his administration, he just could not find enough qualified people." Robinson also said the Trump administration has required more Customs and Border Protection agents than Obama's administration. "(Trump is) no longer subjecting these agents to a lie detector test, no longer checking if they are susceptible to corruption, or really any other previously disqualifying event in the past," he said. With standards lowering for those positions, Robinson warned students about changes that international students should expect, including attacks on the H1B visa program, or the "work force" of immigration, as well as attempts to create a quantitative immigration system. That system could "cap immigration on historic levels," according to Robinson.

## OPINION

### **18. Letters: Oct. 3, 2017: Concerned About Cuts**

(Press Republican; 188.4k uvm; Plattsburgh, NY) ... Jamey A. Goheens

TO THE EDITOR: In my role as president of Chapter 138 of the National Treasury Employees Union, I represent a group of middle-class Americans who are proud to work for the U.S. government but are concerned about some of the talk in Washington about budget cuts. Many of us chose to work for the government because of the professional challenge and the opportunity to serve the public, sometimes at salaries lower than we could receive in the private sector. Part of that decision was to work in exchange for a modest retirement provided by the Federal Employees Retirement System. The system is fully funded and financially sound. ... The members of Chapter 138 who work in Customs and Border Protection urge Congress to respect that compact and allow federal employees to retire with the security they have been promised.

## OF INTEREST

### **19. Trump to talk immigration with Republicans at White House dinner**

(Politico; 23.9M uvm) ... Seung Min Kim and John Bresnahan

President Donald Trump will dine Monday night with several influential Republican lawmakers who play a major role on immigration policy, according to multiple sources. Attending the dinner at the White House are House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.), Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn (R-Texas), House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.), and Sens. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) and David Perdue (R-Ga.), according to two people familiar with the invite list. ... During a similar dinner last month with Democratic leaders, Trump agreed to a deal to enact the Dream Act into law in exchange for modest border security measures that did not include a wall along the southern border, according to House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer. The conversation at Monday night's dinner with Republicans is sure to be different.



## **20. How Mexico Deals with Trump**

(The New Yorker; 19.1M uvm) ... Jon Lee Anderson

Trump began his assault on Mexico almost as soon as he announced his candidacy for President. In a rambling speech at Trump Tower on June 16, 2015, he blamed Mexico for stealing American jobs, and for allowing its worst elements to cross the border: "They're bringing drugs, they're bringing crime, they're rapists." To solve the problem, he pledged, "I will build a great, great wall on our southern border. And I will have Mexico pay for that wall." These ideas proved popular with Trump supporters, and rants about Mexico were soon a regular feature of his campaign events. ... Videgaray pointed out that Mexico had its own concerns about migrants and drugs crossing its southern border; he agreed with Kushner that updating nafta's provisions could be a "win-win" for their countries. ... Videgaray, though, has often been made to remember that Trump campaigned on a promise of America First. Soon after the Inauguration, he and Mexico's economy secretary, Ildefonso Guajardo, flew to Washington to meet their new counterparts. Not long after they landed, they learned that Trump had issued one of his first executive orders, calling for the construction of the border wall.

## **21. 2,000 Miles Of Yarn To Make Up Border Wall Exhibit At Smart Museum Of Art**

(DNA Info; 324.5k uvm) ... Sam Cholke

The Smart Museum of Art has collected more than 1,000 miles of yarn knitted into blankets. It needs 1,000 miles more. The museum is collecting so much yarn to reach 2,000 miles, the length of President Donald Trump's proposed border wall, as part of its first exhibit under the museum's new director. Alison Gass started as the new director of the museum, 5550 S. Greenwood Ave., in May and one of her first major projects was to bring in artist and designer Jayna Zweiman. Zweiman created the Pussyhat Project and became known nationwide when the knit pink hat became the symbol of the Women's March. Zweiman has tapped back into that network of knitters and crafters to try to create blankets from 1,989 miles of yarn, the distance of President Trump's proposed border wall, and then give those blankets out to refugee families coming to the United States.

## **22. 20-year-old man faces federal drug charges after 100 kilos of meth found**

(The Monitor; 188k uvm; McAllen, TX) ... Lorenzo Zazueta-Castro

A 20-year-old man faces federal drug charges after nearly 100 kilos of methamphetamine was found inside his father's tractor trailer. According to court records, Homeland Security Investigations special agents arrested Guillermo Calderon Jr. of McAllen last month after he admitted to playing a role in a meth smuggling operation. ... On that day, authorities with U.S. Customs and Border Protection notified HSI agents that a tractor trailer bearing Mexican plates possibly had an undisclosed amount of narcotics stashed within, and that they should keep an eye on it after they allowed it to cross into the U.S., records show.



### **23. Ex-Border Protection Officer Sentenced to Probation**

(Times of San Diego; 160k uvm) ... Hoa Quach

A former U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer at the Calexico West port of entry, who lied on his background investigation questionnaire about his 2009 arrest for shoplifting, was sentenced in San Diego Monday to probation and ordered to complete 40 days at a halfway house and 200 hours of community service. Eric Alfonso Marquez, 37, who was employed by U.S. Customs and Border Protection from 2009 until he was fired this year, was arrested with his wife on Aug. 9, 2009, on suspicion of shoplifting at the Burlington Coat Factory store in El Centro. Marquez was convicted in May of making a false statement on the background questionnaire stemming from his shoplifting arrest.

### **24. California congressman requests pardons for Ramos and Compean**

(Sonoran News; 48.9k uvm; Cave Creek, AZ)

On Sept. 22, U.S. Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., sent a letter to President Donald Trump to bring his attention to the pardon requests for two former Border Patrol agents, Ignacio "Nacho" Ramos, Jr. and Jose Compean, currently awaiting review at the Department of Justice in the Office of the Pardon Attorney. Ramos and Compean were sentenced in 2006 to mandatory prison sentences of 11 and 12 years, respectively, for an incident that involved the shooting of illegal alien drug smuggler they were pursuing.

### **25. DHS S&T Project Aims to Repurpose Analytic Tools for Border Security Operations**

(ExecutiveGov; 20.5k uvm) ... Scott Nicholas

The Department of Homeland Security's science and technology directorate has launched a new project to repurpose, modify or integrate existing commercial and government analytic tools into border security platforms. ... "By developing these capabilities... we will be ready to fully exploit the robust commercial satellite constellations when it is realized in the coming years," said Jon McEntee, acting director of the S&T borders and maritime security division within the Homeland Security Advanced Research Projects Agency.

### **26. UW Center for Human Rights studies law enforcement collaboration with federal agencies on immigration**

(University of Washington News) ... Peter Kelley

Cities and counties concerned about immigrant rights should closely examine law enforcement's collaboration with federal immigration authorities — and the role a for-profit company has in drafting language used in many law enforcement policy manuals — according to a new report from the University of Washington's Center for Human Rights. The center, in the Jackson School of International Studies, has released the first in a series of research memos under an initiative called Human Rights at Home, which



seeks to “strengthen the work of frontline human rights organizations in Washington state.” The memo, first in a planned series, is titled “Don’t Ask, Do Tell: Local Law Enforcement Collaboration with ICE/CBP.” It notes the center’s (thus far unanswered) requests for information from Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) — about immigration enforcement in Washington state.

## **27. DHS Plan to Search Immigrants’ Social Media Affects All Citizens**

(Best VPN) ... Ray Walsh

Privacy advocates have condemned the US Department of Homeland Security’s plans to begin using social media entries to assess immigrants. Concerns are being raised that the oppressive policy will severely hamper people’s ability to communicate freely online without fear of repercussions. ... The EFF states quite clearly that: “DHS should stop subjecting law-abiding immigrants to social media surveillance.” Unfortunately, if recent actions by US Customs and Border Protection are anything to go by (they have been ramping up stop and search activities that force people to hand over digital devices and passwords, for example), the DHS is unlikely to cease these invasive practices.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYSIS**

### **OF NOTE**

- Relief efforts in Puerto Rico continued to be a popular topic of discussion on the social media platform, Twitter. Approximately 15% of tweets directed at the CBP Twitter account contained the words *Puerto Rico*.
- The agency’s tweet on the seizure of \$3M+ worth of crystal methamphetamine garnered the highest engagement of the account for the day with 28 retweets, 66 likes and 4 comments.
- Interestingly, @CustomsBorder was included in many tweets concerning the recent mass shooting in Las Vegas and was the most significant topic for the agency on Twitter.



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Commissioner – Good morning. I checked into the arrest with the assistance of our folks verifying in (b) (7)(E). This was a (b) (7)(E) POE arrest made by OFO. See below information:

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(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Unit is being separated due to child safety concerns as per AFOD (b)(6);(b)(7)(C). The adult traveling with the juvenile(s) cannot be positively identified as having the proper documentation of being the parent. The verification and authentication of the family relationship between the minor children and the adult cannot be validated at this time. Upon EROs receipt of proper documentation, the adult and minor children can be reunited in the future.

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Regards,

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- *WBTS-TV* reported that group of Senate Democrats are pressing DHS Secretary nominee Kirstjen Nielsen to support bipartisan legislation that would protect DACA recipients from being deported. They cited that during her confirmation hearing she agreed that there was a need for legislation to protect DACA recipients and help create a path for citizenship. This story has been shared by major media outlets *Stars & Stripes*, *ABC News* as well as local outlets such as the *Tampa Bay Times*, and *Florence Morning News*, based in Florence, SC. The UK media outlet *Daily Mail* shared this story as well.
- *KIII-TV* reported that Border Patrol agents at the Sarita checkpoint arrested a person who had attempted to smuggle cocaine through the checkpoint in the trunk of their Mercedes. "The efforts they are using to conceal the loads is usually expensive, so this was out of the ordinary for us," said Deputy Patrol Agent in charge of Kingsville Josh Schad. According to agents, usually the cartels try and conceal their drugs loads inside secret compartments, but this bust was unusual considering the dog's ability to smell. "The things they can detect, the minor traces of narcotics they can smell is unbelievable so we couldn't do the job without them," Schad said. This story has yet to be widely reported on in other media outlets, however on the @CustomsBorder Twitter account, it is the tweet with the highest engagement of the period.
- *BuzzFeed* reported that an immigrant father, Jose Demar Fuentes, from Central America seeking asylum in the United States has accused Border Patrol agents of lying and threatening him to persuade him to separate from his 1-year-old son. CBP didn't respond to specific questions about Fuentes or the other fathers, but pointed to their policy on family unity. "CBP will maintain family unity to the greatest extent operationally feasible, absent a legal requirement or an articulable safety or security concern that requires separation," the policy said. While this story has yet to be widely reported in other media outlets, it is gaining

traction on *Twitter* since *BuzzFeed* first ran the article in the early morning hours.

## TOP NEWS

1. [Democrats Press Homeland Security Pick on Immigration Issues](#)  
(WBTS-TV; 20k uvm; Newton, MA) ... Richard Lardner

A group of Senate Democrats is pressing President Donald Trump's choice to lead the Homeland Security Department to endorse bipartisan legislation to shield from deportation thousands of young immigrants brought to the U.S. as young children and living here illegally. In a letter sent Friday to Kirstjen Nielsen, the 20 lawmakers said she agreed during her confirmation hearing earlier this month on the need for legislation that would put so-called "Dreamers" on a path to U.S. citizenship. They want to know if that means Nielsen will openly urge Congress to pass the bipartisan Dream Act to "provide the solution that you have recognized is needed." White House spokesman Raj Shah said Nielsen did not express support for any specific legislation during her confirmation hearing. "The Trump administration has laid out its priorities for responsible immigration reform we hope Congress will adopt," Shah said.

2. [Major cocaine bust at Sarita checkpoint](#)  
(KIII-TV; 66k uvm; Corpus Christi, TX) ... Michael Gibson

**VIDEO:** Border patrol agents at the Sarita checkpoint said one of their K-9's sniffed out a trunk full of cocaine Wednesday morning. Nearly six million dollars worth of cocaine was discovered during the stop. Kiii News reporter Michael Gibson was at the checkpoint to meet with agents about the incident. "The efforts they are using to conceal the loads is usually expensive, so this was out of the ordinary for us," said Deputy Patrol Agent in charge of Kingsville Josh Schad. According to agents, usually the cartels try and conceal their drugs loads inside secret compartments of even inside car batteries, but this bust was unusual considering the dog's super sense of smell. "The things they can detect, the minor traces of narcotics they can smell is unbelievable so we couldn't do the job without them," Schad said. Investigators believe the drugs were smuggled across an unprotected section of the border and then loaded into the Mercedes.

3. [Immigrant Father Says The Border Patrol Took His Infant Son And Won't Tell Him Where He Is](#)  
(BuzzFeed; 17.7M) ... Adolfo Flores

An immigrant father from Central America seeking asylum in the United States has accused Border Patrol agents of lying and threatening him to persuade him to separate from his 1-year-old son. Immigrant rights advocates said the accusation bolsters what they believe is an effort by Border Patrol agents to discourage Central American immigration by separating parents from their children. Jose Demar Fuentes, 30, said he and three other fathers crossed the US border through the Mexican city of Tijuana on Sunday with their children and requested asylum from US immigration authorities. Fuentes said that in three separate meetings, Border Patrol agents in dark

green uniforms told him and the other fathers that if they didn't agree to separate themselves from their children, their immigration cases would take longer and there would be problems. "The last time they said we'd better agree because it was 'better to do it the good way and avoid using force in front of the kids,'" Fuentes told BuzzFeed News. "That made us all agree." The fathers and their kids were separated Thursday. The three other fathers could not be reached for comment. US Customs and Border Protection didn't respond to specific questions about Fuentes or the other fathers, but pointed to their policy on family unity. "CBP will maintain family unity to the greatest extent operationally feasible, absent a legal requirement or an articulable safety or security concern that requires separation," the policy said.

## NEWS INDEX

### BORDER SECURITY

#### *Along U.S. Borders*

4. [Border Patrol Agent Hospitalized after Illegal Immigrant Speeds Through Checkpoint](#)

(Breitbart; 19.1M uvm) ... Bob Price

Border Patrol agents assigned to a checkpoint in East County observed a man approaching in a 2009 Infinity G35 sedan. The driver initiated a U-turn before the checkpoint and drove the wrong way into oncoming traffic, according to information provided to Breitbart Texas by U.S. Border Patrol officials. The driver suddenly executed another U-turn and sped toward the checkpoint—reaching a speed of nearly 70 miles per hour, officials stated. As the driver approached, he swerved out of the lanes of cars waiting for inspection to bypass the position. In doing so, he struck a steel road sign — parts of which struck a Border Patrol agent working nearby. The debris from the sign injured the agent who had to be hospitalized. The driver bypassed the checkpoint and took off on I-8. Agents pursued the fleeing driver. The pursuit reached speeds in excess of 100 mph, officials reported. Suddenly, the driver lost control of the G35 and crashed on a berm. After climbing out of the car, the driver fled on foot. As other agents arrived on the scene, they secured the two occupants and checked them for injuries. Finding none, the agents placed the male passengers under arrest. Other agents pursued the driver on foot. The agents found the driver hiding in the garage of a private home, officials explained. They took the man into custody. An investigation revealed the 27-year-old driver and the two male passengers, ages 27 and 40, were all illegally present in the U.S. The driver faces charges of transporting aliens illegally present in the United States, officials reported. All three Mexican nationals are being held in federal custody.

5. [Border Patrol agents discover drugs taped to 17-year-old girl's body](#)

(KGTV-TV; 2.1M uvm; San Diego, CA) ... Jermaine Ong

A 17-year-old girl was taken into custody at the El Centro border checkpoint after U.S. officials said Border Patrol agents discovered small packages of methamphetamine

taped to her body. Customs and Border Protection officials said the teen was a passenger in a Ford Focus that approached the Highway 86 checkpoint at about 1:15 p.m. Wednesday. Officials said three other people were in the vehicle. According to officials, a canine team alerted agents to something suspicious in the vehicle. During a secondary inspection, agents found 10 small packages taped to the teen girl's legs. Officials said the packages -- which weighed a combined 4.21 pounds with an estimated street value of \$14,735 -- "were tested and contained the properties consistent with methamphetamine." The drugs and the girl, who is a U.S. citizen, were turned over to DEA officials. Officials did not say if the other vehicle occupants were taken into custody.

6. [Suspected MS-13 gang member arrested in northwest North Dakota](#)  
(Grand Forks Herald; 837k uvm; Grand Forks, ND) ... April Baumgarten

A suspected member of a notorious international criminal gang has been arrested in Williston and is being held at the Grand Forks County jail. Border Patrol agents from the Grand Forks Sector of U.S. Customs and Border Protection arrested 39-year-old Concepcion Carcamo-Portillo at 7 p.m. Wednesday, spokesman Kristoffer Grogan confirmed to the Herald. Numerous tips from concerned citizens led officers to the El Salvador national, Grogan said. Investigators determined the man was in the U.S. illegally and is an alleged member of Mara Salvatrucha, also known as the El Salvador-based international criminal organization MS-13. Carcamo-Portillo was booked Thursday evening into the Grand Forks County Correctional Center. "This arrest is a testament to our cooperation with our (Department of Homeland Security) partners to disrupt one of the most dangerous criminal organizations in the United States," Chief Patrol Agent Aaron Heitke, commander of the Grand Forks Sector, said in a statement. "This arrest is the direct result from of information passed from Immigration and Customs Enforcement and a call from a concerned citizen."

7. [Man surrenders at Border Patrol checkpoint following I-25 pursuit](#)  
(Las Cruces Sun-News; 310k uvm; Las Cruces, NM)

**VIDEO:** An Albuquerque man, suspected in a possible kidnapping, surrendered to authorities at the Border Patrol checkpoint north of Las Cruces on Thursday. Epifanio Torres, 30, was charged with aggravated fleeing, a fourth degree felony. Other charges are pending, according to New Mexico State Police. State police said the incident began about 8:29 p.m. when they issued a "be on the lookout" (BOLO) for a red Ford F-150 pickup in reference to a possible kidnapping in Albuquerque. Authorities said information was received from an out-of-state relative, who had been on the phone with a female, reportedly in the backseat of the pickup. The suspect and female had been in a relationship, state police reported. About 45 minutes after the BOLO, state police officers spotted the vehicle traveling south on I-25, near mile post 68. An officer attempted to stop the vehicle, police said, but it did not stop and the driver continued southbound. State Police notified Border Patrol agents at the I-25 checkpoint of the ongoing pursuit. Torres, who was on the phone with the Albuquerque NMSP office, told authorities he would surrender at the checkpoint, which he did without incident, police said. The female passenger was checked by authorities and refused transport to a hospital, police said.

8. [K-9 leads Border Patrol agents to discovery of more than 180 pounds of cocaine](#)

(Corpus Christi Caller-Times; 191k uvm; Corpus Christi, TX) ... Alexandria Rodriguez

**VIDEO:** An alert from a Border Patrol K-9 in Kingsville led to the discovery of more than 180 pounds of cocaine at a checkpoint Wednesday. The alert from the K-9 came during a non-intrusive vehicle inspection at the checkpoint. Agents then inspected the truck of the vehicle and found three suitcases with about 185 pounds of cocaine, according to a news release. Drug Enforcement Administration agents took the vehicle, 32 bundles of cocaine, valued at \$5,844,800, and took the driver, a U.S. citizen, into custody, the release states. On Tuesday, agents at the Brownsville Border Patrol Station seized more than 8 pounds of methamphetamine after they were alerted by another K-9. The K-9 alerted an agents to a delivery truck, which led to further inspection, the release states. Agents then found nine packages of methamphetamine, worth more than \$260,000, concealed in liquid foam, according to the release.

9. [Border Patrol nabs two suspected MS-13 gang members](#)

(Corpus Christi Caller-Times; 191k uvm; Corpus Christi, TX) ...Chris Ramirez

**VIDEO:** An El Salvadoran man with ties to the violent street gang MS-13 and a criminal record in his homeland was among those arrested in a Border Patrol operation near Hebbronville. Border Patrol agents arrested an undocumented immigrant Tuesday, according to a news release from the agency. He was among a group of 16 immigrants who were on a ranch near Hebbronville. The Border Patrol said the man, whose identity was not released, had an extensive criminal history in his native country. He had served an eight-year prison sentence there for a homicide conviction and also had a record for illegal possession of a firearm, aggravated robbery and drug trafficking. He was processed for deportation. On Thursday, Border Patrol agents arrested another undocumented immigrant who is believed to be associated with MS-13 near Bruni, in Webb County. That person, also from El Salvador, was processed for deportation. The Trump administration has pledged to get MS-13 and other trans-national gangs off America's streets. The gang is believed to have started in Los Angeles in the 1980s, but became more deeply entrenched in Central America when its leaders were deported. There was no indication immediately that the individuals' arrests were in any way connected to "Operation Raging Bull," a crackdown run conducted by officials from the Department of Homeland Security and Justice Department. That operation ran from Oct. 8 to Nov. 11, and concluded with the arrest of 214 members of MS-13.

*Ports of Entry*

10. [Farmington driver's race car is delayed at Canadian border](#)

(Portland Press Herald; 2.1M uvm; Portland, OR) ... Phil Whipple

For Farmington native Cassius Clark, the anticipation leading up to Saturday's annual Pro All Stars Series Mega-Meltdown 300 at Hickory Motor Speedway in North Carolina has turned to stress. The team for which Clark drives, King Racing, owned by former racer and Canadian businessman Rollie MacDonald, is stuck at the Canadian border with the car and all of the equipment necessary to run this weekend's race. "They've been delayed at the border cross at Houlton since Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m.," Clark said on the phone from North Carolina. "There was a practice session here yesterday, and there is more on tap for today. It's a 20-hour drive from Houlton to get here, so I sure hope they get released soon." Two other race teams had similar difficulties, Clark said, but were allowed to pass after a lengthy delay. U.S. Customs and Border Protections Public Affairs Officer Stephanie Malin on Friday afternoon released a statement on the matter: "While I cannot get into the specific details of the inspection, I can confirm the individuals were not detained at the port of entry at all," she wrote, "The issue is related to a lack of proper importation documents required for importing a vehicle for racing purposes."

11. [City officials get a tour of the international bridges](#)

(KGNS-TV; 87k uvm; Laredo, TX) ... Phil Whipple

**VIDEO:** A tour of bridge one and two was given to city officials on both sides of the border as they took a look at the status of the ongoing construction project. According to CBP, construction at both bridge one and two is coming along fine. Congressman Henry Cuellar, Mayor Pete Saenz, and Nuevo Laredo and Laredo officials toured both facilities with U.S. General Services Administration and Customs and Border Protection. The project is aimed towards increasing efficiency and improving safety and security for vehicle and pedestrian processing. These updates should reduce vehicle wait times from 33 to 15 minutes and peak pedestrian time from 49 to 21 minutes. Mayor Pete Saenz says there have been talks between him and Nuevo Laredo about the idea of turning bridge one into a pedestrian walkway. Mayor Saenz says CBP has been supportive of the idea and now it's up to him and City Council to decide and work with Nuevo Laredo to see if it's possible. The projected completion dates for bridge one is April 2018 and December 2018 for bridge two.

12. ['No shirt, no service, no Canada'](#)

(Surrey Now-Leader; 17k uvm; Surrey, BC Canada) ... Aaron Hinks

A U.S. man is now in jail after Canada Border Services Agency discovered he had an outstanding felony warrant from Washington State. U.S. Customs and Border Protection issued a news release Friday afternoon titled "No shirt, no service, no Canada," saying the Tacoma man arrived northbound at the Peace Arch (Douglas) crossing in South Surrey, shirtless, and told officers he was heading to Toronto to visit friends. The release says that during a search of a rental vehicle, CBSA found small amounts of meth. After being returned to Blaine, officers confirmed the 23-year-old had a felony warrant from the Washington State Department of Corrections for robbery and escape from community custody, which was issued Nov. 13. "The cooperation between three government agencies is priceless," U.S. CBP area port director Kenneth Williams said in the release. "CBSA, CBP and the sheriff's office worked as a team to get this suspected criminal off the street."

## BORDER WALL

13. [Roundtable: A Closer Look At The Border Wall](#)

(KPBS-TV; 278k uvm; San Diego, CA) ... Bennett Lacy, Mark Sauer

**VIDEO:** President Donald Trump is demanding Congress fund the construction of a wall along America's border with Mexico. Work has already begun, with eight prototypes of new structures recently being showcased in San Diego. In the new series "America's Wall," KPBS and inewssource obtained previously unseen federal documents that detail the existing barriers along the border built under several previous administrations. The series also profiles people on both sides of the border, and both sides of a contentious issue.

14. [Fisher's border wall prototype complete on Southern border](#)

(Dickinson Press; 192k uvm; Dickinson, ND) ... Grady McGregor

Dickinson-based Fisher Industries has completed construction of a border wall prototype along the southern border of the United States near Otay Mesa, Cali. Fisher's wall is made of concrete and while it lacks some of the color and features of other prototypes, like tubing atop the walls or opaque paneling, the wall's simplicity makes it look like one of the more imposing designs. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced that the eight border wall prototypes were completed in late October but this is the first time that the Press has been able to track down available pictures of Fisher's wall prototype. According to a CBP press release from late last month, now that the construction phase is complete they will test and evaluate each wall over a 30- to 60-day period. "Border security contributes to our overall national security and relies on a combination of border infrastructure, technology, personnel, and partnerships," said CBP acting Deputy Commissioner Ron Vitiello in the release. "Border walls have proven to be an extremely effective part of our multi-pronged security strategy to prevent the illegal migration of people and drugs over the years ... These border enforcement zones give our men and women of CBP the best possible conditions to maintain a safe and secure border."

## TRADE

15. [Darling: Fully loaded trucks crossing Anzalduas Bridge by end of 2018](#)

(Rio Grande Guardian; 9k uvm; McAllen, TX) ... Patricia Martinez

McAllen Mayor Jim Darling said that the city is moving forward with plans to have full commercial traffic at the Anzalduas International Bridge by the end of 2018. Since August 2016, the bridge has allowed empty southbound trucks to cross into Mexico. Now, design plans are being finalized for fully loaded trucks to cross the bridge in either direction, giving commercial drivers the option of another port of entry. The plan is to have a joint inspection facility on the north side of the bridge. "Pharr does a great job over there, but it's one bridge," said Darling. "There's just so much potential in our area to only have one. So, we need to get commercial traffic on another bridge." Asked when the bridge may be ready to handle loaded trucks going both north- and

southbound, Darling said: "I am shooting for the end of 2018. That is why we want to get the design done and get construction going. We are working on that, state monies, federal monies. They have to get their act together in Washington and set a budget and get some funding (going). We will get it done.

## TRAVEL

16. [Nonstop Seattle to Dublin flights to begin May 2018](#)  
(Seattle PI; 4.7M uvm; Seattle WA)

Nonstop flights from Seattle to Dublin will start next spring. The Seattle Times reports Irish carrier Aer Lingus said Friday the service will begin May 18, 2018. The service will be provided four times a week. Because Dublin airport has its own U.S. Customs and Border Protection facility, passengers and their luggage will be pre-cleared in Ireland before departure, with no need to go through passport control on arrival in Seattle. This will be the first pre-cleared trans-Atlantic flight to fly into Seattle. Aer Lingus also will provide Seattle passengers connections through Dublin to 24 U.K. and European cities.

17. [CBP gives tips for faster entry times during holiday season](#)  
(KGBT-TV; 298k uvm; Harlingen, TX) ... Jolanie Martinez

**VIDEO:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection has tips for international travelers coming to the U.S. during the holiday season. U.S. Customs and Border Protection public information officer Maribel Saenz says the agency is preparing for the large number of shoppers that cross the border during the holiday season, especially after La Plaza Mall's multi-million dollar expansion. Saenz recommends international travelers to apply online for the I-94 form. "A lot of times since it's holiday season, there is a lot more travelers than usual, so that's why we are encouraging everybody to go online, apply online," Saenz said. "They can pay for it online, they bring their receipt with them and we finalize it for them here at the port of entry." To finalize the I-94 process, travelers must present themselves at a port of entry within seven days of their application. Travelers are also encouraged to use their radio frequency identification card to use ready lanes at port of entries. The frequency identification card includes the newer version of the U.S. passport cards, border crossing cards and resident alien card. Saenz says using this method expedites the entry process by 20 percent. "At the window, they will be getting their fingerprints, their picture and a background check to make sure that they qualify for the I-94 and cardboard," said Saenz. "I-94 will be printed and that's what they will have to present at the checkpoint with their travel documents."

CBP's Border Wait Times app also gives hourly updates on lines at each port of entry.

## WORKFORCE

18. [Law enforcement K-9s compete in Mercedes](#)  
(Brownsville Herald; 75k uvm; Brownsville, TX) ... Cristina M. Garcia

Federal and local agencies were rivals Friday during the 3rd annual South Texas Police K-9 Competition held at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Grounds in Mercedes. Valley law enforcement agencies and others, along with their K-9s, competed in timed narcotic article and vehicle searches, the obedience and confidence course, and criminal apprehension...If you compete and your dog doesn't do so well, that motivates you," Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office K-9 trainer Javier Solis said... U.S. Border Patrol's K-9, Billy-B, was named top dog in the patrol competition. A Belgian Malinois named Mischa and her handler, Tim Behnke, with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, quickly ran the narcotic article and vehicle searches Friday afternoon. Mischa has stopped more than \$1 million worth of drugs from being smuggled into the U.S. during her more than three years as a law enforcement K-9, according Behnke. Behnke and Mischa underwent a seven-week training course in Virginia prior to working together at multiple ports of entry in Brownsville. The two have been a team for three and a half years. "It's the best job in the world," Benke said. "Working with an animal is awesome." Though Behnke didn't place in the vehicles search competition, U.S. Customs and Border Protection's K-9 Coco and his handler, Michael Hufham, placed third. The U.S. Border Patrol was awarded the Best K-9 Unit, while Lusy with Edinburg CISD Police Department took first in the articles search.

19. [CBP AMO Plan Flyover at NASCAR's Championship Weekend](#)  
(American Security Today; 45k uvm)

**VIDEO:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Air and Marine Operations (AMO) aircrews based at the Miami Air and Marine Branch will perform a flyover during NASCAR's championship weekend at Homestead-Miami Speedway in front of tens of thousands of racing fans. CBP's Air and Marine Operations agents from air and marine branches and units in Florida and Texas are assisting with security efforts for the event providing real-time aerial video to ground based law enforcement personnel at the incident command center. Air and Marine Operations interdicts unlawful people and cargo approaching U.S. borders, investigates criminal networks and provides domain awareness in the air and maritime environments, and responds to contingencies and national taskings. "We're a part of this community and honored to serve and protect the public in Greater Miami and the Florida Keys utilizing advanced aeronautical and maritime capabilities," said Martin Wade, Director of the Miami Air and Marine Branch. "Air and Marine Operations highly-skilled agents are often behind the scenes at high profile events to keep things safe and secure along with local, state and federal law enforcement partners."

## OPINION

20. [Former DHS Secretary Tom Ridge: No southern border wall needed](#)  
(CBS Television Network; 26.1 uvm) ... Arden Farhi

**VIDEO:** Tom Ridge, the nation's first secretary of Homeland Security, believes the physical border wall President Donald Trump wants to build on the U.S.-Mexico border isn't necessary. "I don't think we need it," Ridge said. "I think there are things we can do with technology that foregoes the need to build a 3,000 mile border [wall]"

with a neighbor... I prefer presidents that tear down walls rather than build them." Ridge appeared on "The Takeout" podcast with CBS News chief White House correspondent Major Garrett and political director Steve Chaggaris. Despite his criticism of the President, Ridge, a Republican, praised Mr. Trump's pick to lead the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Kirstjen Nielsen. "This is a woman that's got public and private sector experience. She's been deputy chief of staff to the president now, she was General [John] Kelly's chief of staff [at DHS], she's well versed and worked with the private sector on preparedness issues and cyber security issues and the like."

## IMMIGRATION

### 21. [Immigrant Who Had Prosthetic Leg Mocked by Trump Officials to Be Freed After 'Inhumane' Detention](#)

(Newsweek; 9.4M uvm) ... Nicole Rodriguez

**VIDEO:** A 20-year-old disabled immigrant detained for more than a month without being charged was to be freed Friday, but he has been stripped of his Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status. After being detained by Customs and Border Protection (CPB) agents on October 11 as part of a human smuggling investigation, Felipe Abonza-Lopez of San Marcos, Texas, was granted a \$7,500 bond and will be released sometime Friday, a legal assistant for Abonza-Lopez's attorney told Newsweek Friday. Abonza-Lopez has lost his DACA status, which had been set to expire in 2019. It was revoked October 12, when he received a notice to appear in immigration court for deportation proceedings, a spokesperson for Citizenship and Immigration Services (ICE) told Newsweek.

### 22. [Trump Administration Cites MS-13 Arrest to Push Change in Minor Immigrant Law](#)

(Daily Signal; 1.1M uvm) ... Fred Lucas

The Trump administration is pointing to a large federal roundup of members of the violent gang MS-13 as vindication of increased enforcement efforts and reason to change the policy on unaccompanied minor illegal immigrants. The Justice Department and Department of Homeland Security announced a joint effort that led to the arrest of 214 gang members and those involved with gang-related crime... Of the 214, just 16 were U.S. citizens while 198 were foreign nationals. Of the foreign nationals, only five were in the country legally. Among those arrested, 64 entered the country as unaccompanied alien children, but most are now adults, according to the Trump administration. During a press conference Thursday announcing the arrests, Tom Homan, deputy director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, noted the 2008 law on unaccompanied minors does not allow them to be immediately returned to their country of origin. "The agencies sent up a series of policy requests to the Hill to address a lot of issues to further control the border and illegal immigration," Homan said. "Some of these policies are being exploited and used by criminal organizations. That's why that's one of the policy issues we asked Congress to look at and help us with."

23. [UMD files affidavit in federal lawsuit challenging Trump's latest travel ban](#)  
(The Diamondback; 35k uvm) ... Christine Condon

The University of Maryland has filed an affidavit in a federal lawsuit opposing the Trump administration's latest iteration of its travel ban. "Since our students & faculty are impacted by the latest travel ban, #UMD has filed an affidavit in a federal lawsuit in MD challenging the ban's legality," University President Wallace Loh tweeted Friday. The affidavit was filed in a Maryland district court case surrounding the ban. Federal judges in Maryland and Hawaii issued national orders freezing the ban in October. "It is in the interest of the University, as well as in the national interest, to welcome talented persons of all nations to study, teach, and do research in the United States, in order to maintain and improve America's position as a leader in higher education and research," read the statement, signed by Loh Oct. 10.

## OF INTEREST

24. [Trump halts decision to allow elephant trophy imports after uproar](#)  
(Reuters; 43.6M uvm) ...David Shepardson and Eric Beech

U.S. President Donald Trump said in a tweet on Friday he is putting a decision to allow imports of elephant trophies on hold after a torrent of criticism from conservation advocates and across social media. Trump's reversal came hours after his administration released a rule on Friday to allow hunters who kill elephants in Zimbabwe to bring their trophies back to the United States, which had been banned by the Obama administration. "Put big game trophy decision on hold until such time as I review all conservation facts. Under study for years. Will update soon with Secretary Zinke. Thank you!" Trump wrote. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said in a statement that he had spoken with Trump and "both believe that conservation and healthy herds are critical." He said the "issuing of permits is being put on hold as the decision is being reviewed."

25. [18-year-old accused of shooting CBP agent in Oakleaf said he would "off" cops, according to investigators](#)  
(WOKV-FM; 75.1k uvm; Jacksonville, FL) ... Stephanie Brown

Two months after a Customs and Border Protection Agent was shot in the parking lot of an Oakleaf Publix, new investigative reports are detailing more about the possible motive to the attack. The Clay County Sheriff's Office believed from early in their investigation that the agent was ambushed because he was law enforcement. The victim was leaving the Publix after grabbing some groceries, when CCSO says 18-year-old Jake Lewis sped up and fired multiple shots, hitting the agent multiple times. Lewis then crashed, and CCSO says he died of a self-inflicted gunshot. The agent who was shot underwent surgery and continues to recover. CBP tells us the "signs are encouraging", and the agent is expected to return on limited duty in the near future. That agent has spoken with investigators, and the new supplemental reports show he remembers a suspect pointing a gun out of a car and yelling about hating cops, before shooting.

## SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYSIS

### OF NOTE



- The tweet by @realDonaldTrump on November 16 titled “First female Border Patrol chief says agents 'empowered' under Trump” is still the most retweeted of the period, with 6.3k retweets, 20k likes and 765 replies to date.
- As mentioned above, the tweet by Adolfo Flores from the account @aflores titled “Immigrant father says the Border Patrol took his infant son

and won't tell him where he is” is gaining attention on Twitter and is the second most retweeted tweet to date. The tweet supplies a link to the *BuzzFeed* article where he is interviewed. The tweet has 327 retweets, 154 likes, and 34 replies to date.



- The tweet to receive the highest engagement of the period on @CustomsBorder is “RGV sector Border Patrol K9’s lead agents to seize over \$6.1 million in narcotics. #KeepingAmericaSafe.” The tweet has received 20 retweets, 55 likes, 6 replies and 180,000 potential impressions to date. The tweet provides a link to the *KIII TV* news article on the bust.

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**From:** [PROVOST, CARLA \(USBP\)](#)  
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T4, Chief, let me dig over the weekend and get more info. I need to confirm a few items and make sure I interpreted it correctly.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Regards,  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Deputy Chief - LEOD/Operations  
U.S. Border Patrol Headquarters  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(office)  
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Going to need to know what's going on in EPT on Monday based on what you brought up yesterday.

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**From:** HOWE, RANDY J  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 18, 2017 12:02:50 PM  
**To:** Owen, Todd C (AC OFO); (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); MCALEENAN, KEVIN K; PROVOST, CARLA (USBP)  
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**Subject:** RE: Daily Media Summary - November 18, 2017

Commissioner

Confirmed with OFO San Diego that the decision to separate the family units was made by ERO.

Additional information on the three individuals.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Randy J. Howe  
Executive Director, Operations  
Office of Field Operations  
U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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**From:** Owen, Todd C (AC OFO)  
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**Subject:** RE: Daily Media Summary - November 18, 2017

Thanks Randy. Narrative mentions AFOD (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) pls verify if ERO chose to separate them.

Todd C. Owen  
Executive Assistant Commissioner  
Office of Field Operations  
U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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**From:** HOWE, RANDY J  
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**Subject:** RE: Daily Media Summary - November 18, 2017

Commissioner: We have reached out to San Diego for additional details.

Randy J. Howe  
Executive Director, Operations  
Office of Field Operations  
U.S. Customs and Border Protection  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (Office)  
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**Subject:** RE: Daily Media Summary - November 18, 2017

Commissioner – Good morning. I checked into the arrest with the assistance of our folks verifying in (b) (7)(E). This was a (b) (7)(E) OE arrest made by OFO. See below information:

This happened at (b) (7)(E). Attached are the I-213s for the father and son.

From the child's I213 (b) (6);(b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(E).pdf narrative:

\*\*\*\*\*ADDENDUM 11/15/17\*\*\*\*\*

Family Unit is being separated due to child safety concerns as per AFOD (b) (6);(b) (7)(C)  
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Upon EROs receipt of proper documentation, the adult and minor children can be reunited in the future.

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Regards,

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## Daily Media Summary November 18, 2017

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- *WBTS-TV* reported that group of Senate Democrats are pressing DHS Secretary nominee Kirstjen Nielsen to support bipartisan legislation that would protect DACA recipients from being deported. They cited that during her confirmation hearing she agreed that there was a need for legislation to protect DACA recipients and help create a path for citizenship. This story has been shared by major media outlets *Stars & Stripes*, *ABC News* as well as local outlets such as the *Tampa Bay Times*, and *Florence Morning News*, based in Florence, SC. The UK media outlet *Daily Mail* shared this story as well.
- *KIII-TV* reported that Border Patrol agents at the Sarita checkpoint arrested a person who had attempted to smuggle cocaine through the checkpoint in the trunk of their Mercedes. "The efforts they are using to conceal the loads is usually expensive, so this was out of the ordinary for us," said Deputy Patrol Agent in charge of Kingsville Josh Schad. According to agents, usually the cartels try and conceal their drugs loads inside secret compartments, but this bust was unusual considering the dog's ability to smell. "The things they can detect, the minor traces of narcotics they can smell is unbelievable so we couldn't do the job without them," Schad said. This story has yet to be widely reported on in other media outlets, however on the @CustomsBorder Twitter account, it is the tweet with the highest engagement of the period.
- *BuzzFeed* reported that an immigrant father, Jose Demar Fuentes, from Central America seeking asylum in the United States has accused Border Patrol agents of lying and threatening him to persuade him to separate from his 1-year-old son. CBP didn't respond to specific questions about Fuentes or the other fathers, but pointed to their policy on family unity. "CBP will maintain family unity to the greatest extent operationally feasible, absent a legal requirement or an articulable safety or security concern that requires separation," the policy said. While this story has yet to be widely reported in other media outlets, it is gaining

traction on *Twitter* since *BuzzFeed* first ran the article in the early morning hours.

## TOP NEWS

1. [Democrats Press Homeland Security Pick on Immigration Issues](#)  
(WBTS-TV; 20k uvm; Newton, MA) ... Richard Lardner

A group of Senate Democrats is pressing President Donald Trump's choice to lead the Homeland Security Department to endorse bipartisan legislation to shield from deportation thousands of young immigrants brought to the U.S. as young children and living here illegally. In a letter sent Friday to Kirstjen Nielsen, the 20 lawmakers said she agreed during her confirmation hearing earlier this month on the need for legislation that would put so-called "Dreamers" on a path to U.S. citizenship. They want to know if that means Nielsen will openly urge Congress to pass the bipartisan Dream Act to "provide the solution that you have recognized is needed." White House spokesman Raj Shah said Nielsen did not express support for any specific legislation during her confirmation hearing. "The Trump administration has laid out its priorities for responsible immigration reform we hope Congress will adopt," Shah said.

2. [Major cocaine bust at Sarita checkpoint](#)  
(KIII-TV; 66k uvm; Corpus Christi, TX) ... Michael Gibson

**VIDEO:** Border patrol agents at the Sarita checkpoint said one of their K-9's sniffed out a trunk full of cocaine Wednesday morning. Nearly six million dollars worth of cocaine was discovered during the stop. Kiii News reporter Michael Gibson was at the checkpoint to meet with agents about the incident. "The efforts they are using to conceal the loads is usually expensive, so this was out of the ordinary for us," said Deputy Patrol Agent in charge of Kingsville Josh Schad. According to agents, usually the cartels try and conceal their drugs loads inside secret compartments of even inside car batteries, but this bust was unusual considering the dog's super sense of smell. "The things they can detect, the minor traces of narcotics they can smell is unbelievable so we couldn't do the job without them," Schad said. Investigators believe the drugs were smuggled across an unprotected section of the border and then loaded into the Mercedes.

3. [Immigrant Father Says The Border Patrol Took His Infant Son And Won't Tell Him Where He Is](#)  
(BuzzFeed; 17.7M) ... Adolfo Flores

An immigrant father from Central America seeking asylum in the United States has accused Border Patrol agents of lying and threatening him to persuade him to separate from his 1-year-old son. Immigrant rights advocates said the accusation bolsters what they believe is an effort by Border Patrol agents to discourage Central American immigration by separating parents from their children. Jose Demar Fuentes, 30, said he and three other fathers crossed the US border through the Mexican city of Tijuana on Sunday with their children and requested asylum from US immigration authorities. Fuentes said that in three separate meetings, Border Patrol agents in dark

green uniforms told him and the other fathers that if they didn't agree to separate themselves from their children, their immigration cases would take longer and there would be problems. "The last time they said we'd better agree because it was 'better to do it the good way and avoid using force in front of the kids,'" Fuentes told BuzzFeed News. "That made us all agree." The fathers and their kids were separated Thursday. The three other fathers could not be reached for comment. US Customs and Border Protection didn't respond to specific questions about Fuentes or the other fathers, but pointed to their policy on family unity. "CBP will maintain family unity to the greatest extent operationally feasible, absent a legal requirement or an articulable safety or security concern that requires separation," the policy said.

## NEWS INDEX

### BORDER SECURITY

#### *Along U.S. Borders*

4. [Border Patrol Agent Hospitalized after Illegal Immigrant Speeds Through Checkpoint](#)

(Breitbart; 19.1M uvm) ... Bob Price

Border Patrol agents assigned to a checkpoint in East County observed a man approaching in a 2009 Infinity G35 sedan. The driver initiated a U-turn before the checkpoint and drove the wrong way into oncoming traffic, according to information provided to Breitbart Texas by U.S. Border Patrol officials. The driver suddenly executed another U-turn and sped toward the checkpoint—reaching a speed of nearly 70 miles per hour, officials stated. As the driver approached, he swerved out of the lanes of cars waiting for inspection to bypass the position. In doing so, he struck a steel road sign — parts of which struck a Border Patrol agent working nearby. The debris from the sign injured the agent who had to be hospitalized. The driver bypassed the checkpoint and took off on I-8. Agents pursued the fleeing driver. The pursuit reached speeds in excess of 100 mph, officials reported. Suddenly, the driver lost control of the G35 and crashed on a berm. After climbing out of the car, the driver fled on foot. As other agents arrived on the scene, they secured the two occupants and checked them for injuries. Finding none, the agents placed the male passengers under arrest. Other agents pursued the driver on foot. The agents found the driver hiding in the garage of a private home, officials explained. They took the man into custody. An investigation revealed the 27-year-old driver and the two male passengers, ages 27 and 40, were all illegally present in the U.S. The driver faces charges of transporting aliens illegally present in the United States, officials reported. All three Mexican nationals are being held in federal custody.

5. [Border Patrol agents discover drugs taped to 17-year-old girl's body](#)

(KGTV-TV; 2.1M uvm; San Diego, CA) ... Jermaine Ong

A 17-year-old girl was taken into custody at the El Centro border checkpoint after U.S. officials said Border Patrol agents discovered small packages of methamphetamine

taped to her body. Customs and Border Protection officials said the teen was a passenger in a Ford Focus that approached the Highway 86 checkpoint at about 1:15 p.m. Wednesday. Officials said three other people were in the vehicle. According to officials, a canine team alerted agents to something suspicious in the vehicle. During a secondary inspection, agents found 10 small packages taped to the teen girl's legs. Officials said the packages -- which weighed a combined 4.21 pounds with an estimated street value of \$14,735 -- "were tested and contained the properties consistent with methamphetamine." The drugs and the girl, who is a U.S. citizen, were turned over to DEA officials. Officials did not say if the other vehicle occupants were taken into custody.

6. [Suspected MS-13 gang member arrested in northwest North Dakota](#)

(Grand Forks Herald; 837k uvm; Grand Forks, ND) ... April Baumgarten

A suspected member of a notorious international criminal gang has been arrested in Williston and is being held at the Grand Forks County jail. Border Patrol agents from the Grand Forks Sector of U.S. Customs and Border Protection arrested 39-year-old Concepcion Carcamo-Portillo at 7 p.m. Wednesday, spokesman Kristoffer Grogan confirmed to the Herald. Numerous tips from concerned citizens led officers to the El Salvador national, Grogan said. Investigators determined the man was in the U.S. illegally and is an alleged member of Mara Salvatrucha, also known as the El Salvador-based international criminal organization MS-13. Carcamo-Portillo was booked Thursday evening into the Grand Forks County Correctional Center. "This arrest is a testament to our cooperation with our (Department of Homeland Security) partners to disrupt one of the most dangerous criminal organizations in the United States," Chief Patrol Agent Aaron Heitke, commander of the Grand Forks Sector, said in a statement. "This arrest is the direct result from of information passed from Immigration and Customs Enforcement and a call from a concerned citizen."

7. [Man surrenders at Border Patrol checkpoint following I-25 pursuit](#)

(Las Cruces Sun-News; 310k uvm; Las Cruces, NM)

**VIDEO:** An Albuquerque man, suspected in a possible kidnapping, surrendered to authorities at the Border Patrol checkpoint north of Las Cruces on Thursday. Epifanio Torres, 30, was charged with aggravated fleeing, a fourth degree felony. Other charges are pending, according to New Mexico State Police. State police said the incident began about 8:29 p.m. when they issued a "be on the lookout" (BOLO) for a red Ford F-150 pickup in reference to a possible kidnapping in Albuquerque. Authorities said information was received from an out-of-state relative, who had been on the phone with a female, reportedly in the backseat of the pickup. The suspect and female had been in a relationship, state police reported. About 45 minutes after the BOLO, state police officers spotted the vehicle traveling south on I-25, near mile post 68. An officer attempted to stop the vehicle, police said, but it did not stop and the driver continued southbound. State Police notified Border Patrol agents at the I-25 checkpoint of the ongoing pursuit. Torres, who was on the phone with the Albuquerque NMSP office, told authorities he would surrender at the checkpoint, which he did without incident, police said. The female passenger was checked by authorities and refused transport to a hospital, police said.

8. [K-9 leads Border Patrol agents to discovery of more than 180 pounds of cocaine](#)

(Corpus Christi Caller-Times; 191k uvm; Corpus Christi, TX) ... Alexandria Rodriguez

**VIDEO:** An alert from a Border Patrol K-9 in Kingsville led to the discovery of more than 180 pounds of cocaine at a checkpoint Wednesday. The alert from the K-9 came during a non-intrusive vehicle inspection at the checkpoint. Agents then inspected the truck of the vehicle and found three suitcases with about 185 pounds of cocaine, according to a news release. Drug Enforcement Administration agents took the vehicle, 32 bundles of cocaine, valued at \$5,844,800, and took the driver, a U.S. citizen, into custody, the release states. On Tuesday, agents at the Brownsville Border Patrol Station seized more than 8 pounds of methamphetamine after they were alerted by another K-9. The K-9 alerted an agents to a delivery truck, which led to further inspection, the release states. Agents then found nine packages of methamphetamine, worth more than \$260,000, concealed in liquid foam, according to the release.

9. [Border Patrol nabs two suspected MS-13 gang members](#)

(Corpus Christi Caller-Times; 191k uvm; Corpus Christi, TX) ...Chris Ramirez

**VIDEO:** An El Salvadoran man with ties to the violent street gang MS-13 and a criminal record in his homeland was among those arrested in a Border Patrol operation near Hebbronville. Border Patrol agents arrested an undocumented immigrant Tuesday, according to a news release from the agency. He was among a group of 16 immigrants who were on a ranch near Hebbronville. The Border Patrol said the man, whose identity was not released, had an extensive criminal history in his native country. He had served an eight-year prison sentence there for a homicide conviction and also had a record for illegal possession of a firearm, aggravated robbery and drug trafficking. He was processed for deportation. On Thursday, Border Patrol agents arrested another undocumented immigrant who is believed to be associated with MS-13 near Bruni, in Webb County. That person, also from El Salvador, was processed for deportation. The Trump administration has pledged to get MS-13 and other trans-national gangs off America's streets. The gang is believed to have started in Los Angeles in the 1980s, but became more deeply entrenched in Central America when its leaders were deported. There was no indication immediately that the individuals' arrests were in any way connected to "Operation Raging Bull," a crackdown run conducted by officials from the Department of Homeland Security and Justice Department. That operation ran from Oct. 8 to Nov. 11, and concluded with the arrest of 214 members of MS-13.

*Ports of Entry*

10. [Farmington driver's race car is delayed at Canadian border](#)

(Portland Press Herald; 2.1M uvm; Portland, OR) ... Phil Whipple

For Farmington native Cassius Clark, the anticipation leading up to Saturday's annual Pro All Stars Series Mega-Meltdown 300 at Hickory Motor Speedway in North Carolina has turned to stress. The team for which Clark drives, King Racing, owned by former racer and Canadian businessman Rollie MacDonald, is stuck at the Canadian border with the car and all of the equipment necessary to run this weekend's race. "They've been delayed at the border cross at Houlton since Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m.," Clark said on the phone from North Carolina. "There was a practice session here yesterday, and there is more on tap for today. It's a 20-hour drive from Houlton to get here, so I sure hope they get released soon." Two other race teams had similar difficulties, Clark said, but were allowed to pass after a lengthy delay. U.S. Customs and Border Protections Public Affairs Officer Stephanie Malin on Friday afternoon released a statement on the matter: "While I cannot get into the specific details of the inspection, I can confirm the individuals were not detained at the port of entry at all," she wrote, "The issue is related to a lack of proper importation documents required for importing a vehicle for racing purposes."

11. [City officials get a tour of the international bridges](#)

(KGNS-TV; 87k uvm; Laredo, TX) ... Phil Whipple

**VIDEO:** A tour of bridge one and two was given to city officials on both sides of the border as they took a look at the status of the ongoing construction project. According to CBP, construction at both bridge one and two is coming along fine. Congressman Henry Cuellar, Mayor Pete Saenz, and Nuevo Laredo and Laredo officials toured both facilities with U.S. General Services Administration and Customs and Border Protection. The project is aimed towards increasing efficiency and improving safety and security for vehicle and pedestrian processing. These updates should reduce vehicle wait times from 33 to 15 minutes and peak pedestrian time from 49 to 21 minutes. Mayor Pete Saenz says there have been talks between him and Nuevo Laredo about the idea of turning bridge one into a pedestrian walkway. Mayor Saenz says CBP has been supportive of the idea and now it's up to him and City Council to decide and work with Nuevo Laredo to see if it's possible. The projected completion dates for bridge one is April 2018 and December 2018 for bridge two.

12. ['No shirt, no service, no Canada'](#)

(Surrey Now-Leader; 17k uvm; Surrey, BC Canada) ... Aaron Hinks

A U.S. man is now in jail after Canada Border Services Agency discovered he had an outstanding felony warrant from Washington State. U.S. Customs and Border Protection issued a news release Friday afternoon titled "No shirt, no service, no Canada," saying the Tacoma man arrived northbound at the Peace Arch (Douglas) crossing in South Surrey, shirtless, and told officers he was heading to Toronto to visit friends. The release says that during a search of a rental vehicle, CBSA found small amounts of meth. After being returned to Blaine, officers confirmed the 23-year-old had a felony warrant from the Washington State Department of Corrections for robbery and escape from community custody, which was issued Nov. 13. "The cooperation between three government agencies is priceless," U.S. CBP area port director Kenneth Williams said in the release. "CBSA, CBP and the sheriff's office worked as a team to get this suspected criminal off the street."

## BORDER WALL

13. [Roundtable: A Closer Look At The Border Wall](#)

(KPBS-TV; 278k uvm; San Diego, CA) ... Bennett Lacy, Mark Sauer

**VIDEO:** President Donald Trump is demanding Congress fund the construction of a wall along America's border with Mexico. Work has already begun, with eight prototypes of new structures recently being showcased in San Diego. In the new series "America's Wall," KPBS and inewssource obtained previously unseen federal documents that detail the existing barriers along the border built under several previous administrations. The series also profiles people on both sides of the border, and both sides of a contentious issue.

14. [Fisher's border wall prototype complete on Southern border](#)

(Dickinson Press; 192k uvm; Dickinson, ND) ... Grady McGregor

Dickinson-based Fisher Industries has completed construction of a border wall prototype along the southern border of the United States near Otay Mesa, Cali. Fisher's wall is made of concrete and while it lacks some of the color and features of other prototypes, like tubing atop the walls or opaque paneling, the wall's simplicity makes it look like one of the more imposing designs. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced that the eight border wall prototypes were completed in late October but this is the first time that the Press has been able to track down available pictures of Fisher's wall prototype. According to a CBP press release from late last month, now that the construction phase is complete they will test and evaluate each wall over a 30- to 60-day period. "Border security contributes to our overall national security and relies on a combination of border infrastructure, technology, personnel, and partnerships," said CBP acting Deputy Commissioner Ron Vitiello in the release. "Border walls have proven to be an extremely effective part of our multi-pronged security strategy to prevent the illegal migration of people and drugs over the years ... These border enforcement zones give our men and women of CBP the best possible conditions to maintain a safe and secure border."

## TRADE

15. [Darling: Fully loaded trucks crossing Anzalduas Bridge by end of 2018](#)

(Rio Grande Guardian; 9k uvm; McAllen, TX) ... Patricia Martinez

McAllen Mayor Jim Darling said that the city is moving forward with plans to have full commercial traffic at the Anzalduas International Bridge by the end of 2018. Since August 2016, the bridge has allowed empty southbound trucks to cross into Mexico. Now, design plans are being finalized for fully loaded trucks to cross the bridge in either direction, giving commercial drivers the option of another port of entry. The plan is to have a joint inspection facility on the north side of the bridge. "Pharr does a great job over there, but it's one bridge," said Darling. "There's just so much potential in our area to only have one. So, we need to get commercial traffic on another bridge." Asked when the bridge may be ready to handle loaded trucks going both north- and

southbound, Darling said: "I am shooting for the end of 2018. That is why we want to get the design done and get construction going. We are working on that, state monies, federal monies. They have to get their act together in Washington and set a budget and get some funding (going). We will get it done.

## TRAVEL

16. [Nonstop Seattle to Dublin flights to begin May 2018](#)  
(Seattle PI; 4.7M uvm; Seattle WA)

Nonstop flights from Seattle to Dublin will start next spring. The Seattle Times reports Irish carrier Aer Lingus said Friday the service will begin May 18, 2018. The service will be provided four times a week. Because Dublin airport has its own U.S. Customs and Border Protection facility, passengers and their luggage will be pre-cleared in Ireland before departure, with no need to go through passport control on arrival in Seattle. This will be the first pre-cleared trans-Atlantic flight to fly into Seattle. Aer Lingus also will provide Seattle passengers connections through Dublin to 24 U.K. and European cities.

17. [CBP gives tips for faster entry times during holiday season](#)  
(KGBT-TV; 298k uvm; Harlingen, TX) ... Jolanie Martinez

**VIDEO:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection has tips for international travelers coming to the U.S. during the holiday season. U.S. Customs and Border Protection public information officer Maribel Saenz says the agency is preparing for the large number of shoppers that cross the border during the holiday season, especially after La Plaza Mall's multi-million dollar expansion. Saenz recommends international travelers to apply online for the I-94 form. "A lot of times since it's holiday season, there is a lot more travelers than usual, so that's why we are encouraging everybody to go online, apply online," Saenz said. "They can pay for it online, they bring their receipt with them and we finalize it for them here at the port of entry." To finalize the I-94 process, travelers must present themselves at a port of entry within seven days of their application. Travelers are also encouraged to use their radio frequency identification card to use ready lanes at port of entries. The frequency identification card includes the newer version of the U.S. passport cards, border crossing cards and resident alien card. Saenz says using this method expedites the entry process by 20 percent. "At the window, they will be getting their fingerprints, their picture and a background check to make sure that they qualify for the I-94 and cardboard," said Saenz. "I-94 will be printed and that's what they will have to present at the checkpoint with their travel documents."

CBP's Border Wait Times app also gives hourly updates on lines at each port of entry.

## WORKFORCE

18. [Law enforcement K-9s compete in Mercedes](#)  
(Brownsville Herald; 75k uvm; Brownsville, TX) ... Cristina M. Garcia

Federal and local agencies were rivals Friday during the 3rd annual South Texas Police K-9 Competition held at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Grounds in Mercedes. Valley law enforcement agencies and others, along with their K-9s, competed in timed narcotic article and vehicle searches, the obedience and confidence course, and criminal apprehension...If you compete and your dog doesn't do so well, that motivates you," Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office K-9 trainer Javier Solis said... U.S. Border Patrol's K-9, Billy-B, was named top dog in the patrol competition. A Belgian Malinois named Mischa and her handler, Tim Behnke, with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, quickly ran the narcotic article and vehicle searches Friday afternoon. Mischa has stopped more than \$1 million worth of drugs from being smuggled into the U.S. during her more than three years as a law enforcement K-9, according Behnke. Behnke and Mischa underwent a seven-week training course in Virginia prior to working together at multiple ports of entry in Brownsville. The two have been a team for three and a half years. "It's the best job in the world," Benke said. "Working with an animal is awesome." Though Behnke didn't place in the vehicles search competition, U.S. Customs and Border Protection's K-9 Coco and his handler, Michael Hufham, placed third. The U.S. Border Patrol was awarded the Best K-9 Unit, while Lusy with Edinburg CISD Police Department took first in the articles search.

19. [CBP AMO Plan Flyover at NASCAR's Championship Weekend](#)  
(American Security Today; 45k uvm)

**VIDEO:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Air and Marine Operations (AMO) aircrews based at the Miami Air and Marine Branch will perform a flyover during NASCAR's championship weekend at Homestead-Miami Speedway in front of tens of thousands of racing fans. CBP's Air and Marine Operations agents from air and marine branches and units in Florida and Texas are assisting with security efforts for the event providing real-time aerial video to ground based law enforcement personnel at the incident command center. Air and Marine Operations interdicts unlawful people and cargo approaching U.S. borders, investigates criminal networks and provides domain awareness in the air and maritime environments, and responds to contingencies and national taskings. "We're a part of this community and honored to serve and protect the public in Greater Miami and the Florida Keys utilizing advanced aeronautical and maritime capabilities," said Martin Wade, Director of the Miami Air and Marine Branch. "Air and Marine Operations highly-skilled agents are often behind the scenes at high profile events to keep things safe and secure along with local, state and federal law enforcement partners."

## OPINION

20. [Former DHS Secretary Tom Ridge: No southern border wall needed](#)  
(CBS Television Network; 26.1 uvm) ... Arden Farhi

**VIDEO:** Tom Ridge, the nation's first secretary of Homeland Security, believes the physical border wall President Donald Trump wants to build on the U.S.-Mexico border isn't necessary. "I don't think we need it," Ridge said. "I think there are things we can do with technology that foregoes the need to build a 3,000 mile border [wall]"

with a neighbor... I prefer presidents that tear down walls rather than build them." Ridge appeared on "The Takeout" podcast with CBS News chief White House correspondent Major Garrett and political director Steve Chaggaris. Despite his criticism of the President, Ridge, a Republican, praised Mr. Trump's pick to lead the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Kirstjen Nielsen. "This is a woman that's got public and private sector experience. She's been deputy chief of staff to the president now, she was General [John] Kelly's chief of staff [at DHS], she's well versed and worked with the private sector on preparedness issues and cyber security issues and the like."

## IMMIGRATION

### 21. [Immigrant Who Had Prosthetic Leg Mocked by Trump Officials to Be Freed After 'Inhumane' Detention](#)

(Newsweek; 9.4M uvm) ... Nicole Rodriguez

**VIDEO:** A 20-year-old disabled immigrant detained for more than a month without being charged was to be freed Friday, but he has been stripped of his Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status. After being detained by Customs and Border Protection (CPB) agents on October 11 as part of a human smuggling investigation, Felipe Abonza-Lopez of San Marcos, Texas, was granted a \$7,500 bond and will be released sometime Friday, a legal assistant for Abonza-Lopez's attorney told Newsweek Friday. Abonza-Lopez has lost his DACA status, which had been set to expire in 2019. It was revoked October 12, when he received a notice to appear in immigration court for deportation proceedings, a spokesperson for Citizenship and Immigration Services (ICE) told Newsweek.

### 22. [Trump Administration Cites MS-13 Arrest to Push Change in Minor Immigrant Law](#)

(Daily Signal; 1.1M uvm) ... Fred Lucas

The Trump administration is pointing to a large federal roundup of members of the violent gang MS-13 as vindication of increased enforcement efforts and reason to change the policy on unaccompanied minor illegal immigrants. The Justice Department and Department of Homeland Security announced a joint effort that led to the arrest of 214 gang members and those involved with gang-related crime...Of the 214, just 16 were U.S. citizens while 198 were foreign nationals. Of the foreign nationals, only five were in the country legally. Among those arrested, 64 entered the country as unaccompanied alien children, but most are now adults, according to the Trump administration. During a press conference Thursday announcing the arrests, Tom Homan, deputy director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, noted the 2008 law on unaccompanied minors does not allow them to be immediately returned to their country of origin. "The agencies sent up a series of policy requests to the Hill to address a lot of issues to further control the border and illegal immigration," Homan said. "Some of these policies are being exploited and used by criminal organizations. That's why that's one of the policy issues we asked Congress to look at and help us with."

23. [UMD files affidavit in federal lawsuit challenging Trump's latest travel ban](#)  
(The Diamondback; 35k uvm) ... Christine Condon

The University of Maryland has filed an affidavit in a federal lawsuit opposing the Trump administration's latest iteration of its travel ban. "Since our students & faculty are impacted by the latest travel ban, #UMD has filed an affidavit in a federal lawsuit in MD challenging the ban's legality," University President Wallace Loh tweeted Friday. The affidavit was filed in a Maryland district court case surrounding the ban. Federal judges in Maryland and Hawaii issued national orders freezing the ban in October. "It is in the interest of the University, as well as in the national interest, to welcome talented persons of all nations to study, teach, and do research in the United States, in order to maintain and improve America's position as a leader in higher education and research," read the statement, signed by Loh Oct. 10.

## OF INTEREST

24. [Trump halts decision to allow elephant trophy imports after uproar](#)  
(Reuters; 43.6M uvm) ...David Shepardson and Eric Beech

U.S. President Donald Trump said in a tweet on Friday he is putting a decision to allow imports of elephant trophies on hold after a torrent of criticism from conservation advocates and across social media. Trump's reversal came hours after his administration released a rule on Friday to allow hunters who kill elephants in Zimbabwe to bring their trophies back to the United States, which had been banned by the Obama administration. "Put big game trophy decision on hold until such time as I review all conservation facts. Under study for years. Will update soon with Secretary Zinke. Thank you!" Trump wrote. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said in a statement that he had spoken with Trump and "both believe that conservation and healthy herds are critical." He said the "issuing of permits is being put on hold as the decision is being reviewed."

25. [18-year-old accused of shooting CBP agent in Oakleaf said he would "off" cops, according to investigators](#)  
(WOKV-FM; 75.1k uvm; Jacksonville, FL) ... Stephanie Brown

Two months after a Customs and Border Protection Agent was shot in the parking lot of an Oakleaf Publix, new investigative reports are detailing more about the possible motive to the attack. The Clay County Sheriff's Office believed from early in their investigation that the agent was ambushed because he was law enforcement. The victim was leaving the Publix after grabbing some groceries, when CCSO says 18-year-old Jake Lewis sped up and fired multiple shots, hitting the agent multiple times. Lewis then crashed, and CCSO says he died of a self-inflicted gunshot. The agent who was shot underwent surgery and continues to recover. CBP tells us the "signs are encouraging", and the agent is expected to return on limited duty in the near future. That agent has spoken with investigators, and the new supplemental reports show he remembers a suspect pointing a gun out of a car and yelling about hating cops, before shooting.

## SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYSIS

### OF NOTE



- The tweet by @DonaldTrumpJr on November 16 titled “First female Border Patrol chief says agents 'empowered' under Trump” is still the most retweeted of the period, with 6.3k retweets, 20k likes and 765 replies to date.
- As mentioned above, the tweet by Adolfo Flores from the account @aflores titled “Immigrant father says the Border Patrol took his infant son

and won't tell him where he is” is gaining attention on Twitter and is the second most retweeted tweet to date. The tweet supplies a link to the *BuzzFeed* article where he is interviewed. The tweet has 327 retweets, 154 likes, and 34 replies to date.



- The tweet to receive the highest engagement of the period on @CustomsBorder is “RGV sector Border Patrol K9’s lead agents to seize over \$6.1 million in narcotics. #KeepingAmericaSafe.” The tweet has received 20 retweets, 55 likes, 6 replies and 180,000 potential impressions to date. The tweet provides a link to the *KIII TV* news article on the bust.

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- *WBTS-TV* reported that group of Senate Democrats are pressing DHS Secretary nominee Kirstjen Nielsen to support bipartisan legislation that would protect DACA recipients from being deported. They cited that during her confirmation hearing she agreed that there was a need for legislation to protect DACA recipients and help create a path for citizenship. This story has been shared by major media outlets *Stars & Stripes*, *ABC News* as well as local outlets such as the *Tampa Bay Times*, and *Florence Morning News*, based in Florence, SC. The UK media outlet *Daily Mail* shared this story as well.
- *KIII-TV* reported that Border Patrol agents at the Sarita checkpoint arrested a person who had attempted to smuggle cocaine through the checkpoint in the trunk of their Mercedes. "The efforts they are using to conceal the loads is usually expensive, so this was out of the ordinary for us," said Deputy Patrol Agent in charge of Kingsville Josh Schad. According to agents, usually the cartels try and conceal their drugs loads inside secret compartments, but this bust was unusual considering the dog's ability to smell. "The things they can detect, the minor traces of narcotics they can smell is unbelievable so we couldn't do the job without them," Schad said. This story has yet to be widely reported on in other media outlets, however on the @CustomsBorder Twitter account, it is the tweet with the highest engagement of the period.
- *BuzzFeed* reported that an immigrant father, Jose Demar Fuentes, from Central America seeking asylum in the United States has accused Border Patrol agents of lying and threatening him to persuade him to separate from his 1-year-old son. CBP didn't respond to specific questions about Fuentes or the other fathers, but pointed to their policy on family unity. "CBP will maintain family unity to the greatest extent operationally feasible, absent a legal requirement or an articulable safety or security concern that requires separation," the policy said. While this story has yet to be widely reported in other media outlets, it is gaining traction on *Twitter* since *BuzzFeed* first ran the article in the early morning hours.

### TOP NEWS

1. [Democrats Press Homeland Security Pick on Immigration Issues](#)

(WBTS-TV; 20k uvm; Newton, MA) ... Richard Lardner

A group of Senate Democrats is pressing President Donald Trump's choice to lead the Homeland Security Department to endorse bipartisan legislation to shield from deportation thousands of young immigrants brought to the U.S. as young children and living here illegally. In a letter sent Friday to Kirstjen Nielsen, the 20 lawmakers said she agreed during her confirmation hearing earlier this month on the need for legislation that would put so-called "Dreamers" on a path to U.S. citizenship. They want to know if that means Nielsen will openly urge Congress to pass the bipartisan Dream Act to "provide the solution that you have recognized is needed." White House spokesman Raj Shah said Nielsen did not express support for any specific legislation during her confirmation hearing. "The Trump administration has laid out its priorities for responsible immigration reform we hope Congress will adopt," Shah said.

2. [Major cocaine bust at Sarita checkpoint](#)

(KIII-TV; 66k uvm; Corpus Christi, TX) ... Michael Gibson

**VIDEO:** Border patrol agents at the Sarita checkpoint said one of their K-9's sniffed out a trunk full of cocaine Wednesday morning. Nearly six million dollars worth of cocaine was discovered during the stop. Kiii News reporter Michael Gibson was at the checkpoint to meet with agents about the incident. "The efforts they are using to conceal the loads is usually expensive, so this was out of the ordinary for us," said Deputy Patrol Agent in charge of Kingsville Josh Schad. According to agents, usually the cartels try and conceal their drugs loads inside secret compartments of even inside car batteries, but this bust was unusual considering the dog's super sense of smell. "The things they can detect, the minor traces of narcotics they can smell is unbelievable so we couldn't do the job without them," Schad said. Investigators believe the drugs were smuggled across an unprotected section of the border and then loaded into the Mercedes.

3. [Immigrant Father Says The Border Patrol Took His Infant Son And Won't Tell Him Where He Is](#)

(BuzzFeed; 17.7M) ... Adolfo Flores

An immigrant father from Central America seeking asylum in the United States has accused Border Patrol agents of lying and threatening him to persuade him to separate from his 1-year-old son. Immigrant rights advocates said the accusation bolsters what they believe is an effort by Border Patrol agents to discourage Central American immigration by separating parents from their children. Jose Demar Fuentes, 30, said he and three other fathers crossed the US border through the Mexican city of Tijuana on Sunday with their children and requested asylum from US immigration authorities. Fuentes said that in three separate meetings, Border Patrol agents in dark green uniforms told him and the other fathers that if they didn't agree to separate themselves from their children, their immigration cases would take longer and there would be problems. "The last time they said we'd better agree because it was 'better to do it the good way and avoid using force in front of the kids,'" Fuentes told

BuzzFeed News. “That made us all agree.” The fathers and their kids were separated Thursday. The three other fathers could not be reached for comment. US Customs and Border Protection didn’t respond to specific questions about Fuentes or the other fathers, but pointed to their policy on family unity. “CBP will maintain family unity to the greatest extent operationally feasible, absent a legal requirement or an articulable safety or security concern that requires separation,” the policy said.

## NEWS INDEX

### BORDER SECURITY

#### *Along U.S. Borders*

4. [Border Patrol Agent Hospitalized after Illegal Immigrant Speeds Through Checkpoint](#)

(Breitbart; 19.1M uvm) ... Bob Price

Border Patrol agents assigned to a checkpoint in East County observed a man approaching in a 2009 Infinity G35 sedan. The driver initiated a U-turn before the checkpoint and drove the wrong way into oncoming traffic, according to information provided to Breitbart Texas by U.S. Border Patrol officials. The driver suddenly executed another U-turn and sped toward the checkpoint—reaching a speed of nearly 70 miles per hour, officials stated. As the driver approached, he swerved out of the lanes of cars waiting for inspection to bypass the position. In doing so, he struck a steel road sign — parts of which struck a Border Patrol agent working nearby. The debris from the sign injured the agent who had to be hospitalized. The driver bypassed the checkpoint and took off on I-8. Agents pursued the fleeing driver. The pursuit reached speeds in excess of 100 mph, officials reported. Suddenly, the driver lost control of the G35 and crashed on a berm. After climbing out of the car, the driver fled on foot. As other agents arrived on the scene, they secured the two occupants and checked them for injuries. Finding none, the agents placed the male passengers under arrest. Other agents pursued the driver on foot. The agents found the driver hiding in the garage of a private home, officials explained. They took the man into custody. An investigation revealed the 27-year-old driver and the two male passengers, ages 27 and 40, were all illegally present in the U.S. The driver faces charges of transporting aliens illegally present in the United States, officials reported. All three Mexican nationals are being held in federal custody.

5. [Border Patrol agents discover drugs taped to 17-year-old girl's body](#)

(KGTV-TV; 2.1M uvm; San Diego, CA) ... Jermaine Ong

A 17-year-old girl was taken into custody at the El Centro border checkpoint after U.S. officials said Border Patrol agents discovered small packages of methamphetamine taped to her body. Customs and Border Protection officials said the teen was a passenger in a Ford Focus that approached the Highway 86 checkpoint at about 1:15 p.m. Wednesday. Officials said three other people were in the vehicle. According to officials, a canine team alerted agents to something suspicious in the vehicle. During

a secondary inspection, agents found 10 small packages taped to the teen girl's legs. Officials said the packages -- which weighed a combined 4.21 pounds with an estimated street value of \$14,735 -- "were tested and contained the properties consistent with methamphetamine." The drugs and the girl, who is a U.S. citizen, were turned over to DEA officials. Officials did not say if the other vehicle occupants were taken into custody.

6. [Suspected MS-13 gang member arrested in northwest North Dakota](#)

(Grand Forks Herald; 837k uvm; Grand Forks, ND) ... April Baumgarten

A suspected member of a notorious international criminal gang has been arrested in Williston and is being held at the Grand Forks County jail. Border Patrol agents from the Grand Forks Sector of U.S. Customs and Border Protection arrested 39-year-old Concepcion Carcamo-Portillo at 7 p.m. Wednesday, spokesman Kristoffer Grogan confirmed to the Herald. Numerous tips from concerned citizens led officers to the El Salvador national, Grogan said. Investigators determined the man was in the U.S. illegally and is an alleged member of Mara Salvatrucha, also known as the El Salvador-based international criminal organization MS-13. Carcamo-Portillo was booked Thursday evening into the Grand Forks County Correctional Center. "This arrest is a testament to our cooperation with our (Department of Homeland Security) partners to disrupt one of the most dangerous criminal organizations in the United States," Chief Patrol Agent Aaron Heitke, commander of the Grand Forks Sector, said in a statement. "This arrest is the direct result from of information passed from Immigration and Customs Enforcement and a call from a concerned citizen."

7. [Man surrenders at Border Patrol checkpoint following I-25 pursuit](#)

(Las Cruces Sun-News; 310k uvm; Las Cruces, NM)

**VIDEO:** An Albuquerque man, suspected in a possible kidnapping, surrendered to authorities at the Border Patrol checkpoint north of Las Cruces on Thursday. Epifanio Torres, 30, was charged with aggravated fleeing, a fourth degree felony. Other charges are pending, according to New Mexico State Police. State police said the incident began about 8:29 p.m. when they issued a "be on the lookout" (BOLO) for a red Ford F-150 pickup in reference to a possible kidnapping in Albuquerque. Authorities said information was received from an out-of-state relative, who had been on the phone with a female, reportedly in the backseat of the pickup. The suspect and female had been in a relationship, state police reported. About 45 minutes after the BOLO, state police officers spotted the vehicle traveling south on I-25, near mile post 68. An officer attempted to stop the vehicle, police said, but it did not stop and the driver continued southbound. State Police notified Border Patrol agents at the I-25 checkpoint of the ongoing pursuit. Torres, who was on the phone with the Albuquerque NMSP office, told authorities he would surrender at the checkpoint, which he did without incident, police said. The female passenger was checked by authorities and refused transport to a hospital, police said.

8. [K-9 leads Border Patrol agents to discovery of more than 180 pounds of cocaine](#)

(Corpus Christi Caller-Times; 191k uvm; Corpus Christi, TX) ... Alexandria

Rodriguez

**VIDEO:** An alert from a Border Patrol K-9 in Kingsville led to the discovery of more than 180 pounds of cocaine at a checkpoint Wednesday. The alert from the K-9 came during a non-intrusive vehicle inspection at the checkpoint. Agents then inspected the truck of the vehicle and found three suitcases with about 185 pounds of cocaine, according to a news release. Drug Enforcement Administration agents took the vehicle, 32 bundles of cocaine, valued at \$5,844,800, and took the driver, a U.S. citizen, into custody, the release states. On Tuesday, agents at the Brownsville Border Patrol Station seized more than 8 pounds of methamphetamine after they were alerted by another K-9. The K-9 alerted an agents to a delivery truck, which led to further inspection, the release states. Agents then found nine packages of methamphetamine, worth more than \$260,000, concealed in liquid foam, according to the release.

9. [Border Patrol nabs two suspected MS-13 gang members](#)

(Corpus Christi Caller-Times; 191k uvm; Corpus Christi, TX) ...Chris Ramirez

**VIDEO:** An El Salvadoran man with ties to the violent street gang MS-13 and a criminal record in his homeland was among those arrested in a Border Patrol operation near Hebbronville. Border Patrol agents arrested an undocumented immigrant Tuesday, according to a news release from the agency. He was among a group of 16 immigrants who were on a ranch near Hebbronville. The Border Patrol said the man, whose identity was not released, had an extensive criminal history in his native country. He had served an eight-year prison sentence there for a homicide conviction and also had a record for illegal possession of a firearm, aggravated robbery and drug trafficking. He was processed for deportation. On Thursday, Border Patrol agents arrested another undocumented immigrant who is believed to be associated with MS-13 near Bruni, in Webb County. That person, also from El Salvador, was processed for deportation. The Trump administration has pledged to get MS-13 and other trans-national gangs off America's streets. The gang is believed to have started in Los Angeles in the 1980s, but became more deeply entrenched in Central America when its leaders were deported. There was no indication immediately that the individuals' arrests were in any way connected to "Operation Raging Bull," a crackdown run conducted by officials from the Department of Homeland Security and Justice Department. That operation ran from Oct. 8 to Nov. 11, and concluded with the arrest of 214 members of MS-13.

*Ports of Entry*

10. [Farmington driver's race car is delayed at Canadian border](#)

(Portland Press Herald; 2.1M uvm; Portland, OR) ... Phil Whipple

For Farmington native Cassius Clark, the anticipation leading up to Saturday's annual Pro All Stars Series Mega-Meltdown 300 at Hickory Motor Speedway in North Carolina has turned to stress. The team for which Clark drives, King Racing, owned by former racer and Canadian businessman Rollie MacDonald, is stuck at the

Canadian border with the car and all of the equipment necessary to run this weekend's race. "They've been delayed at the border cross at Houlton since Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m.," Clark said on the phone from North Carolina. "There was a practice session here yesterday, and there is more on tap for today. It's a 20-hour drive from Houlton to get here, so I sure hope they get released soon." Two other race teams had similar difficulties, Clark said, but were allowed to pass after a lengthy delay. U.S. Customs and Border Protections Public Affairs Officer Stephanie Malin on Friday afternoon released a statement on the matter: "While I cannot get into the specific details of the inspection, I can confirm the individuals were not detained at the port of entry at all," she wrote, "The issue is related to a lack of proper importation documents required for importing a vehicle for racing purposes."

11. [City officials get a tour of the international bridges](#)

(KGNS-TV; 87k uvm; Laredo, TX) ... Phil Whipple

**VIDEO:** A tour of bridge one and two was given to city officials on both sides of the border as they took a look at the status of the ongoing construction project. According to CBP, construction at both bridge one and two is coming along fine. Congressman Henry Cuellar, Mayor Pete Saenz, and Nuevo Laredo and Laredo officials toured both facilities with U.S. General Services Administration and Customs and Border Protection. The project is aimed towards increasing efficiency and improving safety and security for vehicle and pedestrian processing. These updates should reduce vehicle wait times from 33 to 15 minutes and peak pedestrian time from 49 to 21 minutes. Mayor Pete Saenz says there have been talks between him and Nuevo Laredo about the idea of turning bridge one into a pedestrian walkway. Mayor Saenz says CBP has been supportive of the idea and now it's up to him and City Council to decide and work with Nuevo Laredo to see if it's possible. The projected completion dates for bridge one is April 2018 and December 2018 for bridge two.

12. ['No shirt, no service, no Canada'](#)

(Surrey Now-Leader; 17k uvm; Surrey, BC Canada) ... Aaron Hinks

A U.S. man is now in jail after Canada Border Services Agency discovered he had an outstanding felony warrant from Washington State. U.S. Customs and Border Protection issued a news release Friday afternoon titled "No shirt, no service, no Canada," saying the Tacoma man arrived northbound at the Peace Arch (Douglas) crossing in South Surrey, shirtless, and told officers he was heading to Toronto to visit friends. The release says that during a search of a rental vehicle, CBSA found small amounts of meth. After being returned to Blaine, officers confirmed the 23-year-old had a felony warrant from the Washington State Department of Corrections for robbery and escape from community custody, which was issued Nov. 13. "The co-operation between three government agencies is priceless," U.S. CBP area port director Kenneth Williams said in the release. "CBSA, CBP and the sheriff's office worked as a team to get this suspected criminal off the street."

## **BORDER WALL**

13. [Roundtable: A Closer Look At The Border Wall](#)

(KPBS-TV; 278k uvm; San Diego, CA) ... Bennett Lacy, Mark Sauer

**VIDEO:** President Donald Trump is demanding Congress fund the construction of a wall along America's border with Mexico. Work has already begun, with eight prototypes of new structures recently being showcased in San Diego. In the new series "America's Wall," KPBS and inewssource obtained previously unseen federal documents that detail the existing barriers along the border built under several previous administrations. The series also profiles people on both sides of the border, and both sides of a contentious issue.

14. [Fisher's border wall prototype complete on Southern border](#)

(Dickinson Press; 192k uvm; Dickinson, ND) ... Grady McGregor

Dickinson-based Fisher Industries has completed construction of a border wall prototype along the southern border of the United States near Otay Mesa, Cali. Fisher's wall is made of concrete and while it lacks some of the color and features of other prototypes, like tubing atop the walls or opaque paneling, the wall's simplicity makes it look like one of the more imposing designs. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced that the eight border wall prototypes were completed in late October but this is the first time that the Press has been able to track down available pictures of Fisher's wall prototype. According to a CBP press release from late last month, now that the construction phase is complete they will test and evaluate each wall over a 30- to 60-day period. "Border security contributes to our overall national security and relies on a combination of border infrastructure, technology, personnel, and partnerships," said CBP acting Deputy Commissioner Ron Vitiello in the release. "Border walls have proven to be an extremely effective part of our multi-pronged security strategy to prevent the illegal migration of people and drugs over the years ... These border enforcement zones give our men and women of CBP the best possible conditions to maintain a safe and secure border."

## TRADE

15. [Darling: Fully loaded trucks crossing Anzalduas Bridge by end of 2018](#)

(Rio Grande Guardian; 9k uvm; McAllen, TX) ... Patricia Martinez

McAllen Mayor Jim Darling said that the city is moving forward with plans to have full commercial traffic at the Anzalduas International Bridge by the end of 2018. Since August 2016, the bridge has allowed empty southbound trucks to cross into Mexico. Now, design plans are being finalized for fully loaded trucks to cross the bridge in either direction, giving commercial drivers the option of another port of entry. The plan is to have a joint inspection facility on the north side of the bridge. "Pharr does a great job over there, but it's one bridge," said Darling. "There's just so much potential in our area to only have one. So, we need to get commercial traffic on another bridge." Asked when the bridge may ready to handle loaded trucks going both north- and southbound, Darling said: "I am shooting for the end of 2018. That is why we want to get the design done and get construction going. We are working on that, state monies, federal monies. They have to get their act together in Washington and set a budget and get some funding (going). We will get it done."

## TRAVEL

### 16. [Nonstop Seattle to Dublin flights to begin May 2018](#)

(Seattle PI; 4.7M uvm; Seattle WA)

Nonstop flights from Seattle to Dublin will start next spring. The Seattle Times reports Irish carrier Aer Lingus said Friday the service will begin May 18, 2018. The service will be provided four times a week. Because Dublin airport has its own U.S. Customs and Border Protection facility, passengers and their luggage will be pre-cleared in Ireland before departure, with no need to go through passport control on arrival in Seattle. This will be the first pre-cleared trans-Atlantic flight to fly into Seattle. Aer Lingus also will provide Seattle passengers connections through Dublin to 24 U.K. and European cities.

### 17. [CBP gives tips for faster entry times during holiday season](#)

(KGBT-TV; 298k uvm; Harlingen, TX) ... Jolanie Martinez

**VIDEO:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection has tips for international travelers coming to the U.S. during the holiday season. U.S. Customs and Border Protection public information officer Maribel Saenz says the agency is preparing for the large number of shoppers that cross the border during the holiday season, especially after La Plaza Mall's multi-million dollar expansion. Saenz recommends international travelers to apply online for the I-94 form. "A lot of times since it's holiday season, there is a lot more travelers than usual, so that's why we are encouraging everybody to go online, apply online," Saenz said. "They can pay for it online, they bring their receipt with them and we finalize it for them here at the port of entry." To finalize the I-94 process, travelers must present themselves at a port of entry within seven days of their application. Travelers are also encouraged to use their radio frequency identification card to use ready lanes at port of entries. The frequency identification card includes the newer version of the U.S. passport cards, border crossing cards and resident alien card. Saenz says using this method expedites the entry process by 20 percent. "At the window, they will be getting their fingerprints, their picture and a background check to make sure that they qualify for the I-94 and cardboard," said Saenz. "I-94 will be printed and that's what they will have to present at the checkpoint with their travel documents."

CBP's Border Wait Times app also gives hourly updates on lines at each port of entry.

## WORKFORCE

### 18. [Law enforcement K-9s compete in Mercedes](#)

(Brownsville Herald; 75k uvm; Brownsville, TX) ... Cristina M. Garcia

Federal and local agencies were rivals Friday during the 3rd annual South Texas Police K-9 Competition held at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Grounds in Mercedes. Valley law enforcement agencies and others, along with their K-9s, competed in timed narcotic article and vehicle searches, the obedience and

confidence course, and criminal apprehension...If you compete and your dog doesn't do so well, that motivates you," Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office K-9 trainer Javier Solis said... U.S. Border Patrol's K-9, Billy-B, was named top dog in the patrol competition. A Belgian Malinois named Mischa and her handler, Tim Behnke, with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, quickly ran the narcotic article and vehicle searches Friday afternoon. Mischa has stopped more than \$1 million worth of drugs from being smuggled into the U.S. during her more than three years as a law enforcement K-9, according Behnke. Behnke and Mischa underwent a seven-week training course in Virginia prior to working together at multiple ports of entry in Brownsville. The two have been a team for three and a half years. "It's the best job in the world," Benke said. "Working with an animal is awesome." Though Behnke didn't place in the vehicles search competition, U.S. Customs and Border Protection's K-9 Coco and his handler, Michael Hufham, placed third. The U.S. Border Patrol was awarded the Best K-9 Unit, while Lusy with Edinburg CISD Police Department took first in the articles search.

19. [CBP AMO Plan Flyover at NASCAR's Championship Weekend](#)  
(American Security Today; 45k uvm)

**VIDEO:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Air and Marine Operations (AMO) aircrews based at the Miami Air and Marine Branch will perform a flyover during NASCAR's championship weekend at Homestead-Miami Speedway in front of tens of thousands of racing fans. CBP's Air and Marine Operations agents from air and marine branches and units in Florida and Texas are assisting with security efforts for the event providing real-time aerial video to ground based law enforcement personnel at the incident command center. Air and Marine Operations interdicts unlawful people and cargo approaching U.S. borders, investigates criminal networks and provides domain awareness in the air and maritime environments, and responds to contingencies and national taskings. "We're a part of this community and honored to serve and protect the public in Greater Miami and the Florida Keys utilizing advanced aeronautical and maritime capabilities," said Martin Wade, Director of the Miami Air and Marine Branch. "Air and Marine Operations highly-skilled agents are often behind the scenes at high profile events to keep things safe and secure along with local, state and federal law enforcement partners."

## OPINION

20. [Former DHS Secretary Tom Ridge: No southern border wall needed](#)  
(CBS Television Network; 26.1 uvm) ... Arden Farhi

**VIDEO:** Tom Ridge, the nation's first secretary of Homeland Security, believes the physical border wall President Donald Trump wants to build on the U.S.-Mexico border isn't necessary. "I don't think we need it," Ridge said. "I think there are things we can do with technology that foregoes the need to build a 3,000 mile border [wall] with a neighbor... I prefer presidents that tear down walls rather than build them." Ridge appeared on "The Takeout" podcast with CBS News chief White House correspondent Major Garrett and political director Steve Chaggaris. Despite his criticism of the President, Ridge, a Republican, praised Mr. Trump's pick to lead the

Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Kirstjen Nielsen. "This is a woman that's got public and private sector experience. She's been deputy chief of staff to the president now, she was General [John] Kelly's chief of staff [at DHS], she's well versed and worked with the private sector on preparedness issues and cyber security issues and the like."

## IMMIGRATION

### 21. [Immigrant Who Had Prosthetic Leg Mocked by Trump Officials to Be Freed After 'Inhumane' Detention](#)

(Newsweek; 9.4M uvm) ... Nicole Rodriguez

**VIDEO:** A 20-year-old disabled immigrant detained for more than a month without being charged was to be freed Friday, but he has been stripped of his Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status. After being detained by Customs and Border Protection (CPB) agents on October 11 as part of a human smuggling investigation, Felipe Abonza-Lopez of San Marcos, Texas, was granted a \$7,500 bond and will be released sometime Friday, a legal assistant for Abonza-Lopez's attorney told Newsweek Friday. Abonza-Lopez has lost his DACA status, which had been set to expire in 2019. It was revoked October 12, when he received a notice to appear in immigration court for deportation proceedings, a spokesperson for Citizenship and Immigration Services (ICE) told Newsweek.

### 22. [Trump Administration Cites MS-13 Arrest to Push Change in Minor Immigrant Law](#)

(Daily Signal; 1.1M uvm) ... Fred Lucas

The Trump administration is pointing to a large federal roundup of members of the violent gang MS-13 as vindication of increased enforcement efforts and reason to change the policy on unaccompanied minor illegal immigrants. The Justice Department and Department of Homeland Security announced a joint effort that led to the arrest of 214 gang members and those involved with gang-related crime...Of the 214, just 16 were U.S. citizens while 198 were foreign nationals. Of the foreign nationals, only five were in the country legally. Among those arrested, 64 entered the country as unaccompanied alien children, but most are now adults, according to the Trump administration. During a press conference Thursday announcing the arrests, Tom Homan, deputy director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, noted the 2008 law on unaccompanied minors does not allow them to be immediately returned to their country of origin. "The agencies sent up a series of policy requests to the Hill to address a lot of issues to further control the border and illegal immigration," Homan said. "Some of these policies are being exploited and used by criminal organizations. That's why that's one of the policy issues we asked Congress to look at and help us with."

### 23. [UMD files affidavit in federal lawsuit challenging Trump's latest travel ban](#)

(The Diamondback; 35k uvm) ... Christine Condon

The University of Maryland has filed an affidavit in a federal lawsuit opposing the

Trump administration's latest iteration of its travel ban. "Since our students & faculty are impacted by the latest travel ban, #UMD has filed an affidavit in a federal lawsuit in MD challenging the ban's legality," University President Wallace Loh tweeted Friday. The affidavit was filed in a Maryland district court case surrounding the ban. Federal judges in Maryland and Hawaii issued national orders freezing the ban in October. "It is in the interest of the University, as well as in the national interest, to welcome talented persons of all nations to study, teach, and do research in the United States, in order to maintain and improve America's position as a leader in higher education and research," read the statement, signed by Loh Oct. 10.

## OF INTEREST

24. [Trump halts decision to allow elephant trophy imports after uproar](#)  
(Reuters; 43.6M uvm) ...David Shepardson and Eric Beech

U.S. President Donald Trump said in a tweet on Friday he is putting a decision to allow imports of elephant trophies on hold after a torrent of criticism from conservation advocates and across social media. Trump's reversal came hours after his administration released a rule on Friday to allow hunters who kill elephants in Zimbabwe to bring their trophies back to the United States, which had been banned by the Obama administration. "Put big game trophy decision on hold until such time as I review all conservation facts. Under study for years. Will update soon with Secretary Zinke. Thank you!" Trump wrote. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said in a statement that he had spoken with Trump and "both believe that conservation and healthy herds are critical." He said the "issuing of permits is being put on hold as the decision is being reviewed."

25. [18-year-old accused of shooting CBP agent in Oakleaf said he would "off" cops, according to investigators](#)  
(WOKV-FM; 75.1k uvm; Jacksonville, FL) ... Stephanie Brown

Two months after a Customs and Border Protection Agent was shot in the parking lot of an Oakleaf Publix, new investigative reports are detailing more about the possible motive to the attack. The Clay County Sheriff's Office believed from early in their investigation that the agent was ambushed because he was law enforcement. The victim was leaving the Publix after grabbing some groceries, when CCSO says 18-year-old Jake Lewis sped up and fired multiple shots, hitting the agent multiple times. Lewis then crashed, and CCSO says he died of a self-inflicted gunshot. The agent who was shot underwent surgery and continues to recover. CBP tells us the "signs are encouraging", and the agent is expected to return on limited duty in the near future. That agent has spoken with investigators, and the new supplemental reports show he remembers a suspect pointing a gun out of a car and yelling about hating cops, before shooting.

## SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYSIS

## OF NOTE

- The tweet by @DonaldTrumpJr on November 16 titled “First female Border Patrol chief says agents 'empowered' under Trump” is still the most retweeted of the period, with 6.3k retweets, 20k likes and 765 replies to date.
- As mentioned above, the tweet by Adolfo Flores from the account @aflores titled “Immigrant father says the Border Patrol took his infant son and won't tell him where he is” is gaining attention on Twitter and is the second most retweeted tweet to date. The tweet supplies a link to the *BuzzFeed* article where he is interviewed. The tweet has 327 retweets, 154 likes, and 34 replies to date.
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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- *WBTS-TV* reported that group of Senate Democrats are pressing DHS Secretary nominee Kirstjen Nielsen to support bipartisan legislation that would protect DACA recipients from being deported. They cited that during her confirmation hearing she agreed that there was a need for legislation to protect DACA recipients and help create a path for citizenship. This story has been shared by major media outlets *Stars & Stripes*, *ABC News* as well as local outlets such as the *Tampa Bay Times*, and *Florence Morning News*, based in Florence, SC. The UK media outlet *Daily Mail* shared this story as well.
- *KIII-TV* reported that Border Patrol agents at the Sarita checkpoint arrested a person who had attempted to smuggle cocaine through the checkpoint in the trunk of their Mercedes. "The efforts they are using to conceal the loads is usually expensive, so this was out of the ordinary for us," said Deputy Patrol Agent in charge of Kingsville Josh Schad. According to agents, usually the cartels try and conceal their drugs loads inside secret compartments, but this bust was unusual considering the dog's ability to smell. "The things they can detect, the minor traces of narcotics they can smell is unbelievable so we couldn't do the job without them," Schad said. This story has yet to be widely reported on in other media outlets, however on the @CustomsBorder Twitter account, it is the tweet with the highest engagement of the period.
- *BuzzFeed* reported that an immigrant father, Jose Demar Fuentes, from Central America seeking asylum in the United States has accused Border Patrol agents of lying and threatening him to persuade him to separate from his 1-year-old son. CBP didn't respond to specific questions about Fuentes or the other fathers, but pointed to their policy on family unity. "CBP will maintain family unity to the greatest extent operationally feasible, absent a legal requirement or an articulable safety or security concern that requires separation," the policy said. While this story has yet to be widely reported in other media outlets, it is gaining traction on *Twitter* since *BuzzFeed* first ran the article in the early morning hours.

### TOP NEWS

1. **Democrats Press Homeland Security Pick on Immigration Issues**  
(WBTS-TV; 20k uvm; Newton, MA) ... Richard Lardner

A group of Senate Democrats is pressing President Donald Trump's choice to lead the Homeland Security Department to endorse bipartisan legislation to shield from deportation thousands of young immigrants brought to the U.S. as young children and



living here illegally. In a letter sent Friday to Kirstjen Nielsen, the 20 lawmakers said she agreed during her confirmation hearing earlier this month on the need for legislation that would put so-called "Dreamers" on a path to U.S. citizenship. They want to know if that means Nielsen will openly urge Congress to pass the bipartisan Dream Act to "provide the solution that you have recognized is needed." White House spokesman Raj Shah said Nielsen did not express support for any specific legislation during her confirmation hearing." The Trump administration has laid out its priorities for responsible immigration reform we hope Congress will adopt," Shah said.

## **2. Major cocaine bust at Sarita checkpoint**

(KIII-TV; 66k uvm; Corpus Christi, TX) ... Michael Gibson

**VIDEO:** Border patrol agents at the Sarita checkpoint said one of their K-9's sniffed out a trunk full of cocaine Wednesday morning. Nearly six million dollars worth of cocaine was discovered during the stop. Kiii News reporter Michael Gibson was at the checkpoint to meet with agents about the incident. "The efforts they are using to conceal the loads is usually expensive, so this was out of the ordinary for us," said Deputy Patrol Agent in charge of Kingsville Josh Schad. According to agents, usually the cartels try and conceal their drugs loads inside secret compartments of even inside car batteries, but this bust was unusual considering the dog's super sense of smell. "The things they can detect, the minor traces of narcotics they can smell is unbelievable so we couldn't do the job without them," Schad said. Investigators believe the drugs were smuggled across an unprotected section of the border and then loaded into the Mercedes.

## **3. Immigrant Father Says The Border Patrol Took His Infant Son And Won't Tell Him Where He Is**

(BuzzFeed; 17.7M) ... Adolfo Flores

An immigrant father from Central America seeking asylum in the United States has accused Border Patrol agents of lying and threatening him to persuade him to separate from his 1-year-old son. Immigrant rights advocates said the accusation bolsters what they believe is an effort by Border Patrol agents to discourage Central American immigration by separating parents from their children. Jose Demar Fuentes, 30, said he and three other fathers crossed the US border through the Mexican city of Tijuana on Sunday with their children and requested asylum from US immigration authorities. Fuentes said that in three separate meetings, Border Patrol agents in dark green uniforms told him and the other fathers that if they didn't agree to separate themselves from their children, their immigration cases would take longer and there would be problems. "The last time they said we'd better agree because it was 'better to do it the good way and avoid using force in front of the kids,'" Fuentes told BuzzFeed News. "That made us all agree." The fathers and their kids were separated Thursday. The three other fathers could not be reached for comment. US Customs and Border Protection didn't respond to specific questions about Fuentes or the other fathers, but pointed to their policy on family unity. "CBP will maintain family unity to the greatest extent operationally feasible, absent a legal requirement or an articulable safety or security concern that requires separation," the policy said.



## NEWS INDEX

### BORDER SECURITY

#### *Along U.S. Borders*

#### **4. Border Patrol Agent Hospitalized after Illegal Immigrant Speeds Through Checkpoint**

(Breitbart; 19.1M uvm) ... Bob Price

Border Patrol agents assigned to a checkpoint in East County observed a man approaching in a 2009 Infinity G35 sedan. The driver initiated a U-turn before the checkpoint and drove the wrong way into oncoming traffic, according to information provided to Breitbart Texas by U.S. Border Patrol officials. The driver suddenly executed another U-turn and sped toward the checkpoint—reaching a speed of nearly 70 miles per hour, officials stated. As the driver approached, he swerved out of the lanes of cars waiting for inspection to bypass the position. In doing so, he struck a steel road sign — parts of which struck a Border Patrol agent working nearby. The debris from the sign injured the agent who had to be hospitalized. The driver bypassed the checkpoint and took off on I-8. Agents pursued the fleeing driver. The pursuit reached speeds in excess of 100 mph, officials reported. Suddenly, the driver lost control of the G35 and crashed on a berm. After climbing out of the car, the driver fled on foot. As other agents arrived on the scene, they secured the two occupants and checked them for injuries. Finding none, the agents placed the male passengers under arrest. Other agents pursued the driver on foot. The agents found the driver hiding in the garage of a private home, officials explained. They took the man into custody. An investigation revealed the 27-year-old driver and the two male passengers, ages 27 and 40, were all illegally present in the U.S. The driver faces charges of transporting aliens illegally present in the United States, officials reported. All three Mexican nationals are being held in federal custody.

#### **5. Border Patrol agents discover drugs taped to 17-year-old girl's body**

(KGTV-TV; 2.1M uvm; San Diego, CA) ... Jermaine Ong

A 17-year-old girl was taken into custody at the El Centro border checkpoint after U.S. officials said Border Patrol agents discovered small packages of methamphetamine taped to her body. Customs and Border Protection officials said the teen was a passenger in a Ford Focus that approached the Highway 86 checkpoint at about 1:15 p.m. Wednesday. Officials said three other people were in the vehicle. According to officials, a canine team alerted agents to something suspicious in the vehicle. During a secondary inspection, agents found 10 small packages taped to the teen girl's legs. Officials said the packages -- which weighed a combined 4.21 pounds with an estimated street value of \$14,735 -- "were tested and contained the properties consistent with methamphetamine." The drugs and the girl, who is a U.S. citizen, were turned over to



DEA officials. Officials did not say if the other vehicle occupants were taken into custody.

**6. Suspected MS-13 gang member arrested in northwest North Dakota**  
(Grand Forks Herald; 837k uvm; Grand Forks, ND) ... April Baumgarten

A suspected member of a notorious international criminal gang has been arrested in Williston and is being held at the Grand Forks County jail. Border Patrol agents from the Grand Forks Sector of U.S. Customs and Border Protection arrested 39-year-old Concepcion Carcamo-Portillo at 7 p.m. Wednesday, spokesman Kristoffer Grogan confirmed to the Herald. Numerous tips from concerned citizens led officers to the El Salvador national, Grogan said. Investigators determined the man was in the U.S. illegally and is an alleged member of Mara Salvatrucha, also known as the El Salvador-based international criminal organization MS-13. Carcamo-Portillo was booked Thursday evening into the Grand Forks County Correctional Center. "This arrest is a testament to our cooperation with our (Department of Homeland Security) partners to disrupt one of the most dangerous criminal organizations in the United States," Chief Patrol Agent Aaron Heitke, commander of the Grand Forks Sector, said in a statement. "This arrest is the direct result from of information passed from Immigration and Customs Enforcement and a call from a concerned citizen."

**7. Man surrenders at Border Patrol checkpoint following I-25 pursuit**  
(Las Cruces Sun-News; 310k uvm; Las Cruces, NM)

**VIDEO:** An Albuquerque man, suspected in a possible kidnapping, surrendered to authorities at the Border Patrol checkpoint north of Las Cruces on Thursday. Epifanio Torres, 30, was charged with aggravated fleeing, a fourth degree felony. Other charges are pending, according to New Mexico State Police. State police said the incident began about 8:29 p.m. when they issued a "be on the lookout" (BOLO) for a red Ford F-150 pickup in reference to a possible kidnapping in Albuquerque. Authorities said information was received from an out-of-state relative, who had been on the phone with a female, reportedly in the backseat of the pickup. The suspect and female had been in a relationship, state police reported. About 45 minutes after the BOLO, state police officers spotted the vehicle traveling south on I-25, near mile post 68. An officer attempted to stop the vehicle, police said, but it did not stop and the driver continued southbound. State Police notified Border Patrol agents at the I-25 checkpoint of the ongoing pursuit. Torres, who was on the phone with the Albuquerque NMSP office, told authorities he would surrender at the checkpoint, which he did without incident, police said. The female passenger was checked by authorities and refused transport to a hospital, police said.

**8. K-9 leads Border Patrol agents to discovery of more than 180 pounds of cocaine**  
(Corpus Christi Caller-Times; 191k uvm; Corpus Christi, TX) ... Alexandria Rodriguez



**VIDEO:** An alert from a Border Patrol K-9 in Kingsville led to the discovery of more than 180 pounds of cocaine at a checkpoint Wednesday. The alert from the K-9 came during a non-intrusive vehicle inspection at the checkpoint. Agents then inspected the truck of the vehicle and found three suitcases with about 185 pounds of cocaine, according to a news release. Drug Enforcement Administration agents took the vehicle, 32 bundles of cocaine, valued at \$5,844,800, and took the driver, a U.S. citizen, into custody, the release states. On Tuesday, agents at the Brownsville Border Patrol Station seized more than 8 pounds of methamphetamine after they were alerted by another K-9. The K-9 alerted an agents to a delivery truck, which led to further inspection, the release states. Agents then found nine packages of methamphetamine, worth more than \$260,000, concealed in liquid foam, according to the release.

**9. Border Patrol nabs two suspected MS-13 gang members**

(Corpus Christi Caller-Times; 191k uvm; Corpus Christi, TX) ...Chris Ramirez

**VIDEO:** An El Salvadoran man with ties to the violent street gang MS-13 and a criminal record in his homeland was among those arrested in a Border Patrol operation near Hebbronville. Border Patrol agents arrested an undocumented immigrant Tuesday, according to a news release from the agency. He was among a group of 16 immigrants who were on a ranch near Hebbronville. The Border Patrol said the man, whose identity was not released, had an extensive criminal history in his native country. He had served an eight-year prison sentence there for a homicide conviction and also had a record for illegal possession of a firearm, aggravated robbery and drug trafficking. He was processed for deportation. On Thursday, Border Patrol agents arrested another undocumented immigrant who is believed to be associated with MS-13 near Bruni, in Webb County. That person, also from El Salvador, was processed for deportation. The Trump administration has pledged to get MS-13 and other trans-national gangs off America's streets. The gang is believed to have started in Los Angeles in the 1980s, but became more deeply entrenched in Central America when its leaders were deported. There was no indication immediately that the individuals' arrests were in any way connected to "Operation Raging Bull," a crackdown run conducted by officials from the Department of Homeland Security and Justice Department. That operation ran from Oct. 8 to Nov. 11, and concluded with the arrest of 214 members of MS-13.

*Ports of Entry*

**10. Farmington driver's race car is delayed at Canadian border**

(Portland Press Herald; 2.1M uvm; Portland, OR) ... Phil Whipple

For Farmington native Cassius Clark, the anticipation leading up to Saturday's annual Pro All Stars Series Mega-Meltdown 300 at Hickory Motor Speedway in North Carolina has turned to stress. The team for which Clark drives, King Racing, owned by former racer and Canadian businessman Rollie MacDonald, is stuck at the Canadian border with the car and all of the equipment necessary to run this weekend's race. "They've been delayed at the border cross at Houlton since Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m.," Clark said on the phone from North Carolina. "There was a practice session here yesterday,



and there is more on tap for today. It's a 20-hour drive from Houlton to get here, so I sure hope they get released soon." Two other race teams had similar difficulties, Clark said, but were allowed to pass after a lengthy delay. U.S. Customs and Border Protections Public Affairs Officer Stephanie Malin on Friday afternoon released a statement on the matter: "While I cannot get into the specific details of the inspection, I can confirm the individuals were not detained at the port of entry at all," she wrote, "The issue is related to a lack of proper importation documents required for importing a vehicle for racing purposes.

#### **11. City officials get a tour of the international bridges**

(KGNS-TV; 87k uvm; Laredo, TX) ... Phil Whipple

**VIDEO:** A tour of bridge one and two was given to city officials on both sides of the border as they took a look at the status of the ongoing construction project. According to CBP, construction at both bridge one and two is coming along fine. Congressman Henry Cuellar, Mayor Pete Saenz, and Nuevo Laredo and Laredo officials toured both facilities with U.S. General Services Administration and Customs and Border Protection. The project is aimed towards increasing efficiency and improving safety and security for vehicle and pedestrian processing. These updates should reduce vehicle wait times from 33 to 15 minutes and peak pedestrian time from 49 to 21 minutes. Mayor Pete Saenz says there have been talks between him and Nuevo Laredo about the idea of turning bridge one into a pedestrian walkway. Mayor Saenz says CBP has been supportive of the idea and now it's up to him and City Council to decide and work with Nuevo Laredo to see if it's possible. The projected completion dates for bridge one is April 2018 and December 2018 for bridge two.

#### **12. 'No shirt, no service, no Canada'**

(Surrey Now-Leader; 17k uvm; Surrey, BC Canada) ... Aaron Hinks

A U.S. man is now in jail after Canada Border Services Agency discovered he had an outstanding felony warrant from Washington State. U.S. Customs and Border Protection issued a news release Friday afternoon titled "No shirt, no service, no Canada," saying the Tacoma man arrived northbound at the Peace Arch (Douglas) crossing in South Surrey, shirtless, and told officers he was heading to Toronto to visit friends. The release says that during a search of a rental vehicle, CBSA found small amounts of meth. After being returned to Blaine, officers confirmed the 23-year-old had a felony warrant from the Washington State Department of Corrections for robbery and escape from community custody, which was issued Nov. 13. "The co-operation between three government agencies is priceless," U.S. CBP area port director Kenneth Williams said in the release. "CBSA, CBP and the sheriff's office worked as a team to get this suspected criminal off the street."

### **BORDER WALL**

#### **13. Roundtable: A Closer Look At The Border Wall**

(KPBS-TV; 278k uvm; San Diego, CA) ... Bennett Lacy, Mark Sauer



**VIDEO:** President Donald Trump is demanding Congress fund the construction of a wall along America's border with Mexico. Work has already begun, with eight prototypes of new structures recently being showcased in San Diego. In the new series "America's Wall," KPBS and inewssource obtained previously unseen federal documents that detail the existing barriers along the border built under several previous administrations. The series also profiles people on both sides of the border, and both sides of a contentious issue.

#### **14. Fisher's border wall prototype complete on Southern border**

(Dickinson Press; 192k uvm; Dickinson, ND) ... Grady McGregor

Dickinson-based Fisher Industries has completed construction of a border wall prototype along the southern border of the United States near Otay Mesa, Cali. Fisher's wall is made of concrete and while it lacks some of the color and features of other prototypes, like tubing atop the walls or opaque paneling, the wall's simplicity makes it look like one of the more imposing designs. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced that the eight border wall prototypes were completed in late October but this is the first time that the Press has been able to track down available pictures of Fisher's wall prototype. According to a CBP press release from late last month, now that the construction phase is complete they will test and evaluate each wall over a 30- to 60-day period. "Border security contributes to our overall national security and relies on a combination of border infrastructure, technology, personnel, and partnerships," said CBP acting Deputy Commissioner Ron Vitiello in the release. "Border walls have proven to be an extremely effective part of our multi-pronged security strategy to prevent the illegal migration of people and drugs over the years ... These border enforcement zones give our men and women of CBP the best possible conditions to maintain a safe and secure border."

## **TRADE**

#### **15. Darling: Fully loaded trucks crossing Anzalduas Bridge by end of 2018**

(Rio Grande Guardian; 9k uvm; McAllen, TX) ... Patricia Martinez

McAllen Mayor Jim Darling said that the city is moving forward with plans to have full commercial traffic at the Anzalduas International Bridge by the end of 2018. Since August 2016, the bridge has allowed empty southbound trucks to cross into Mexico. Now, design plans are being finalized for fully loaded trucks to cross the bridge in either direction, giving commercial drivers the option of another port of entry. The plan is to have a joint inspection facility on the north side of the bridge. "Pharr does a great job over there, but it's one bridge," said Darling. "There's just so much potential in our area to only have one. So, we need to get commercial traffic on another bridge." Asked when the bridge may be ready to handle loaded trucks going both north- and southbound, Darling said: "I am shooting for the end of 2018. That is why we want to get the design done and get construction going. We are working on that, state monies, federal monies."



They have to get their act together in Washington and set a budget and get some funding (going). We will get it done.

## TRAVEL

### **16. Nonstop Seattle to Dublin flights to begin May 2018**

(Seattle PI; 4.7M uvm; Seattle WA)

Nonstop flights from Seattle to Dublin will start next spring. The Seattle Times reports Irish carrier Aer Lingus said Friday the service will begin May 18, 2018. The service will be provided four times a week. Because Dublin airport has its own U.S. Customs and Border Protection facility, passengers and their luggage will be pre-cleared in Ireland before departure, with no need to go through passport control on arrival in Seattle. This will be the first pre-cleared trans-Atlantic flight to fly into Seattle. Aer Lingus also will provide Seattle passengers connections through Dublin to 24 U.K. and European cities.

### **17. CBP gives tips for faster entry times during holiday season**

(KGBT-TV; 298k uvm; Harlingen, TX) ... Jolanie Martinez

**VIDEO:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection has tips for international travelers coming to the U.S. during the holiday season. U.S. Customs and Border Protection public information officer Maribel Saenz says the agency is preparing for the large number of shoppers that cross the border during the holiday season, especially after La Plaza Mall's multi-million dollar expansion. Saenz recommends international travelers to apply online for the I-94 form. "A lot of times since it's holiday season, there is a lot more travelers than usual, so that's why we are encouraging everybody to go online, apply online," Saenz said. "They can pay for it online, they bring their receipt with them and we finalize it for them here at the port of entry." To finalize the I-94 process, travelers must present themselves at a port of entry within seven days of their application. Travelers are also encouraged to use their radio frequency identification card to use ready lanes at port of entries. The frequency identification card includes the newer version of the U.S. passport cards, border crossing cards and resident alien card. Saenz says using this method expedites the entry process by 20 percent. "At the window, they will be getting their fingerprints, their picture and a background check to make sure that they qualify for the I-94 and cardboard," said Saenz. "I-94 will be printed and that's what they will have to present at the checkpoint with their travel documents." CBP's Border Wait Times app also gives hourly updates on lines at each port of entry.

## WORKFORCE

### **18. Law enforcement K-9s compete in Mercedes**

(Brownsville Herald; 75k uvm; Brownsville, TX) ... Cristina M. Garcia

Federal and local agencies were rivals Friday during the 3rd annual South Texas Police K-9 Competition held at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Grounds in Mercedes. Valley law enforcement agencies and others, along with their K-9s, competed in timed narcotic article and vehicle searches, the obedience and confidence course, and



criminal apprehension...If you compete and your dog doesn't do so well, that motivates you," Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office K-9 trainer Javier Solis said... U.S. Border Patrol's K-9, Billy-B, was named top dog in the patrol competition. A Belgian Malinois named Mischa and her handler, Tim Behnke, with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, quickly ran the narcotic article and vehicle searches Friday afternoon. Mischa has stopped more than \$1 million worth of drugs from being smuggled into the U.S. during her more than three years as a law enforcement K-9, according Behnke. Behnke and Mischa underwent a seven-week training course in Virginia prior to working together at multiple ports of entry in Brownsville. The two have been a team for three and a half years. "It's the best job in the world," Benke said. "Working with an animal is awesome." Though Behnke didn't place in the vehicles search competition, U.S. Customs and Border Protection's K-9 Coco and his handler, Michael Hufham, placed third. The U.S. Border Patrol was awarded the Best K-9 Unit, while Lusy with Edinburg CISD Police Department took first in the articles search.

### **19. CBP AMO Plan Flyover at NASCAR's Championship Weekend**

(American Security Today; 45k uvm)

**VIDEO:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Air and Marine Operations (AMO) aircrews based at the Miami Air and Marine Branch will perform a flyover during NASCAR's championship weekend at Homestead-Miami Speedway in front of tens of thousands of racing fans. CBP's Air and Marine Operations agents from air and marine branches and units in Florida and Texas are assisting with security efforts for the event providing real-time aerial video to ground based law enforcement personnel at the incident command center. Air and Marine Operations interdicts unlawful people and cargo approaching U.S. borders, investigates criminal networks and provides domain awareness in the air and maritime environments, and responds to contingencies and national taskings. "We're a part of this community and honored to serve and protect the public in Greater Miami and the Florida Keys utilizing advanced aeronautical and maritime capabilities," said Martin Wade, Director of the Miami Air and Marine Branch. "Air and Marine Operations highly-skilled agents are often behind the scenes at high profile events to keep things safe and secure along with local, state and federal law enforcement partners."

## **OPINION**

### **20. Former DHS Secretary Tom Ridge: No southern border wall needed**

(CBS Television Network; 26.1 uvm) ... Arden Farhi

**VIDEO:** Tom Ridge, the nation's first secretary of Homeland Security, believes the physical border wall President Donald Trump wants to build on the U.S.-Mexico border isn't necessary. "I don't think we need it," Ridge said. "I think there are things we can do with technology that foregoes the need to build a 3,000 mile border [wall] with a neighbor... I prefer presidents that tear down walls rather than build them." Ridge appeared on "The Takeout" podcast with CBS News chief White House correspondent Major Garrett and political director Steve Chaggaris. Despite his criticism of the President, Ridge, a Republican, praised Mr. Trump's pick to lead the Department of



Homeland Security (DHS), Kirstjen Nielsen. "This is a woman that's got public and private sector experience. She's been deputy chief of staff to the president now, she was General [John] Kelly's chief of staff [at DHS], she's well versed and worked with the private sector on preparedness issues and cyber security issues and the like."

## IMMIGRATION

### **21. Immigrant Who Had Prosthetic Leg Mocked by Trump Officials to Be Freed After 'Inhumane' Detention**

(Newsweek; 9.4M uvm) ... Nicole Rodriguez

**VIDEO:** A 20-year-old disabled immigrant detained for more than a month without being charged was to be freed Friday, but he has been stripped of his Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status. After being detained by Customs and Border Protection (CPB) agents on October 11 as part of a human smuggling investigation, Felipe Abonza-Lopez of San Marcos, Texas, was granted a \$7,500 bond and will be released sometime Friday, a legal assistant for Abonza-Lopez's attorney told Newsweek Friday. Abonza-Lopez has lost his DACA status, which had been set to expire in 2019. It was revoked October 12, when he received a notice to appear in immigration court for deportation proceedings, a spokesperson for Citizenship and Immigration Services (ICE) told Newsweek.

### **22. Trump Administration Cites MS-13 Arrest to Push Change in Minor Immigrant Law**

(Daily Signal; 1.1M uvm) ... Fred Lucas

The Trump administration is pointing to a large federal roundup of members of the violent gang MS-13 as vindication of increased enforcement efforts and reason to change the policy on unaccompanied minor illegal immigrants. The Justice Department and Department of Homeland Security announced a joint effort that led to the arrest of 214 gang members and those involved with gang-related crime...Of the 214, just 16 were U.S. citizens while 198 were foreign nationals. Of the foreign nationals, only five were in the country legally. Among those arrested, 64 entered the country as unaccompanied alien children, but most are now adults, according to the Trump administration. During a press conference Thursday announcing the arrests, Tom Homan, deputy director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, noted the 2008 law on unaccompanied minors does not allow them to be immediately returned to their country of origin. "The agencies sent up a series of policy requests to the Hill to address a lot of issues to further control the border and illegal immigration," Homan said. "Some of these policies are being exploited and used by criminal organizations. That's why that's one of the policy issues we asked Congress to look at and help us with."

### **23. UMD files affidavit in federal lawsuit challenging Trump's latest travel ban**

(The Diamondback; 35k uvm) ... Christine Condon

The University of Maryland has filed an affidavit in a federal lawsuit opposing the Trump administration's latest iteration of its travel ban. "Since our students & faculty are



impacted by the latest travel ban, #UMD has filed an affidavit in a federal lawsuit in MD challenging the ban's legality," University President Wallace Loh tweeted Friday. The affidavit was filed in a Maryland district court case surrounding the ban. Federal judges in Maryland and Hawaii issued national orders freezing the ban in October. "It is in the interest of the University, as well as in the national interest, to welcome talented persons of all nations to study, teach, and do research in the United States, in order to maintain and improve America's position as a leader in higher education and research," read the statement, signed by Loh Oct. 10.

## OF INTEREST

### **24. Trump halts decision to allow elephant trophy imports after uproar**

(Reuters; 43.6M uvm) ...David Shepardson and Eric Beech

U.S. President Donald Trump said in a tweet on Friday he is putting a decision to allow imports of elephant trophies on hold after a torrent of criticism from conservation advocates and across social media. Trump's reversal came hours after his administration released a rule on Friday to allow hunters who kill elephants in Zimbabwe to bring their trophies back to the United States, which had been banned by the Obama administration. "Put big game trophy decision on hold until such time as I review all conservation facts. Under study for years. Will update soon with Secretary Zinke. Thank you!" Trump wrote. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said in a statement that he had spoken with Trump and "both believe that conservation and healthy herds are critical." He said the "issuing of permits is being put on hold as the decision is being reviewed."

### **25. 18-year-old accused of shooting CBP agent in Oakleaf said he would "off" cops, according to investigators**

(WOKV-FM; 75.1k uvm; Jacksonville, FL) ... Stephanie Brown

Two months after a Customs and Border Protection Agent was shot in the parking lot of an Oakleaf Publix, new investigative reports are detailing more about the possible motive to the attack. The Clay County Sheriff's Office believed from early in their investigation that the agent was ambushed because he was law enforcement. The victim was leaving the Publix after grabbing some groceries, when CCSO says 18-year-old Jake Lewis sped up and fired multiple shots, hitting the agent multiple times. Lewis then crashed, and CCSO says he died of a self-inflicted gunshot. The agent who was shot underwent surgery and continues to recover. CBP tells us the "signs are encouraging", and the agent is expected to return on limited duty in the near future. That agent has spoken with investigators, and the new supplemental reports show he remembers a suspect pointing a gun out of a car and yelling about hating cops, before shooting.

## SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYSIS

## OF NOTE



- The tweet by @DonaldTrumpJr on November 16 titled “First female Border Patrol chief says agents 'empowered' under Trump” is still the most retweeted of the period, with 6.3k retweets, 20k likes and 765 replies to date.

- As mentioned above, the tweet by Adolfo Flores from the account @aflores titled “Immigrant father says the Border Patrol took his infant son and won't tell him where he is” is gaining attention on

Twitter and is the second most retweeted tweet to date. The tweet supplies a link to the *BuzzFeed* article where he is interviewed. The tweet has 327 retweets, 154 likes, and 34 replies to date.



- The tweet to receive the highest engagement of the period on @CustomsBorder is “RGV sector Border Patrol K9’s lead agents to seize over \$6.1 million in narcotics. #KeepingAmericaSafe.” The tweet has received 20 retweets, 55 likes, 6 replies and 180,000 potential impressions to date. The tweet provides a link to the *KIII TV* news article on the bust.

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- CBP Office of Public Affairs is facilitating a visit by Reuters to the U.S. Border Patrol academy in Artesia to get visuals of recruits at the start of their careers, to include photos/video of training with weapons, vehicles, etc. Reuters will also be present for the Friday graduation ceremony. Lead: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

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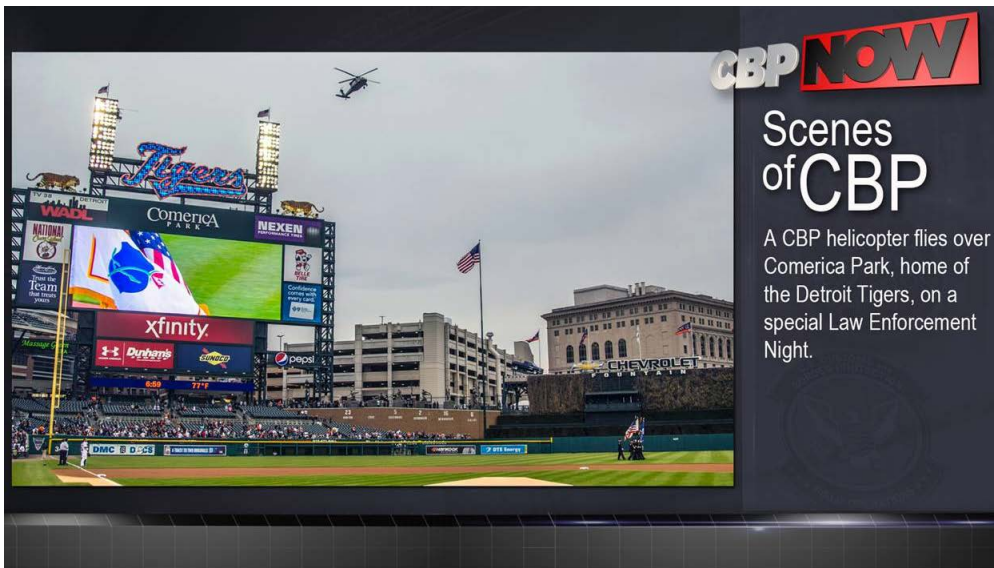
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### Visual Communications:

- Photographed two additional portraits of the Office of International Affairs supervisory employees.
- Added three slides to the CBPNow digital signage playlist.





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## Media:

- CBP OPA facilitated a ride-along for CNN's Chris Cuomo. The anchor and crew saw the rough terrain and how hot it can get traversing the ranchlands in Laredo, Texas. OPA also facilitated CNN's interview with Assistant Chief Patrol Agent Gabe Acosta, who spoke on the Border Patrol mission, the Border Safety Initiative, and the Missing Migrant Initiative.
- CBP OPA published a [news release](#) regarding a multi-agency operation that resulted in a record value of counterfeit products seized in Puerto Rico.

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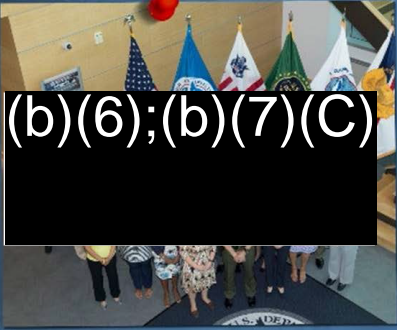
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## INSIDE CBP

CBP Acting Deputy Commissioner Vitiello visits the Advanced Training Center (ATC), speaking to CBP's Human Resource Management (HRM) group about leadership.








**Willcox #USBP agents render lifesaving aid to injured motorist on I-10 by applying tourniquet #CBP is #SavingLives**

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## Virginia man charged with espionage for allegedly delivering top-secret documents to China

**In the Media**



CBP played a major role in an investigation which led to the arrest of Kevin Patrick Mallory who was recently charged with espionage and making false statements for allegedly delivering top-secret and secret documents to a suspected Chinese spy. According to ABC News reporter Geneva Sands:

"...upon returning from Shanghai in April, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) did a "secondary search" of Mallory when he arrived at Chicago O'Hare Airport. During that search, CBP found \$16,500 in his two carry-on bags, an amount he did not declare on his customs form, according to court documents. Mallory allegedly told CBP that said he was in China on a business trip as well as a father/son vacation."

**CBP NOW**

In the  
NEWS

### The Charlotte Observer

**Trained beagle finds forbidden fruit and salami at Charlotte airport - CBP**  
K-9 "Shelia" teamed with CBP agriculture specialists to intercept nearly 20 pounds of fruit, vegetables and salami found in arriving international travelers' checked bags.



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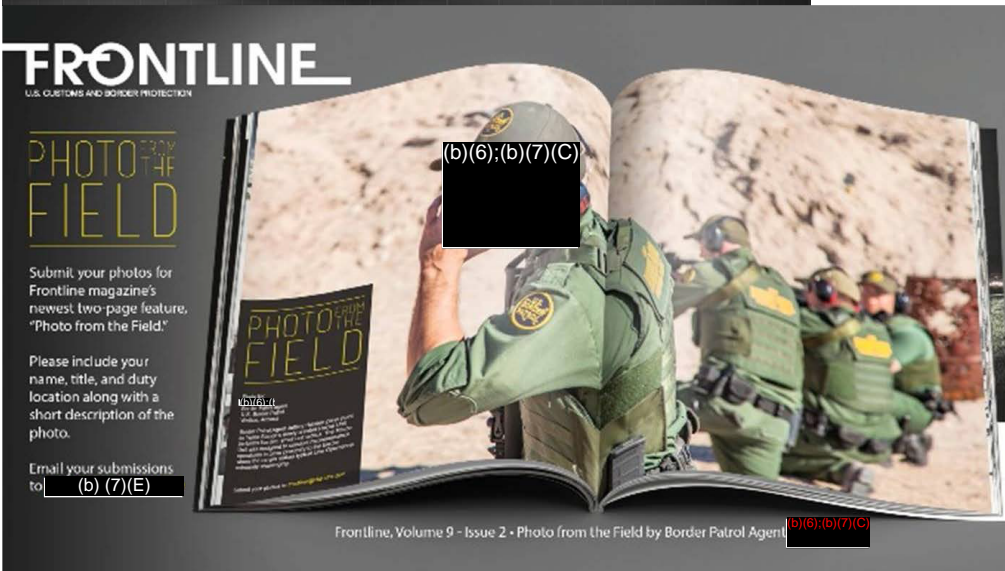
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## Daily Media Summary October 21, 2017

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- There was significant media coverage on the return of a man's pickup truck by Customs and Border Protection two years from when it was seized by Customs officers. Outlets that covered the story include: *Washington Post* and *Reason*.
- An article was released on the popular media outlet, *Gizmodo*, which criticized the effectiveness a border wall would have on the smuggling of drugs over the border, arguing that drones can fly over the wall to transport drugs. The author reached out to CBP where Carlos Diaz, the Southwest Branch Chief for the CBP Office of Public Affairs, explained that it is the combination of multiple factors that would secure the border. A tweet by *Gizmodo* touching on the subject garnered the highest amount of retweets in the CBP Twitter conversation of the period.
- There was an exceptional amount of coverage by local outlets on drug busts both Along U.S. Borders and at Ports of Entry.

### TOP NEWS

**1. Customs took his truck without charging him with a crime. Two years later, he's finally getting it back.**

(Washington Post; 43.9M uvm) ... Christopher Ingraham

Customs and Border Protection is returning a Kentucky man's truck, more than two years after it was seized because Border Patrol officers found five bullets in the truck's center console. In September 2015, Customs officers seized the pickup truck belonging to Gerardo Serrano after they found the bullets when he attempted to cross the border into Mexico. The agency maintained that the bullets were "munitions of war" and that transporting them to Mexico was illegal. Serrano says he simply forgot that he left the small ammunition magazine in his truck's center console. Serrano, who holds a concealed carry permit, did not have a gun or any other weapons with him at the time.

## **2. Drone Video of Border Wall Prototypes Accidentally Shows How Worthless the Wall Would Be**

(Gizmodo; 36.7M uvm) ... Matt Novak

**VIDEO:** US Customs and Border Protection recently released video of President Trump's border wall prototypes in San Diego. And we couldn't help but notice something strange from the video. It shows a bird's-eye view of the wall from the perspective of a drone. And the drone is much, much higher than the wall. Do you see what I mean? This is supposed to be a wall that, in President Trump's words, is going to stop "drugs from pouring into this country." But the funny thing about a wall is that you can get over it pretty easily these days—especially as drones become more affordable. CBP's own video proves just how easy it is to get over the damn thing. ... When I asked CBP about that, they seemed to acknowledge that the wall obviously doesn't do shit on its own. "Matt, don't forget that there are also agents, sensors, cameras and other technologies monitoring the Border Enforcement Zone," Carlos Diaz, the Southwest Branch Chief for the CBP Office of Public Affairs, told Gizmodo by email. "The combination of those elements allow for the effective and efficient protection of the wall."

## **3. Over \$90k in drugs seized in two separate Border Patrol busts**

(KESQ-TV; 302k uvm; Thousand Palms, CA) ... Jon Moreno

A man and a woman were arrested Thursday during two separate drug smuggling incidents at the Highway 86 checkpoint in Salton City. The first incident occurred around 9:15 am, when a 21-year-old woman approached the checkpoint in a Crusero/International California bus. The bus was referred to a second inspection and a Border Patrol detection canine team alerted to the top of the luggage compartment. Agents removed all occupants from the bus. The canine alerted to a specific seat. Agents interviewed the owner of the seat and discovered narcotics strapped to a woman's abdomen. The substance of the narcotics tested positive for heroin. The total weight of the heroin was 2.52 pounds and had an estimated street value of \$27,720.

## **4. Border Agents find meth inside stuffed toy**

(KYMA-TV; 20k uvm; Yuma, AZ) ... Blake Keller

Border Patrol agents arrested two U.S. citizens Wednesday after finding nearly 2 pounds of methamphetamine that was stuffed in a toy dog. It happened during a search of the vehicle at the immigration checkpoint on Highway 78 near Blythe, California. Blythe station Border Patrol agents referred the driver of the Dodge Charger to secondary inspection after a Border Patrol canine alerted to an odor coming from the car. Upon inspection, agents found five packages of meth inside a stuffed dog toy. An additional three small bags of meth in the passenger's purse. The drugs worth amounts to almost \$6,000.

## **BORDER SECURITY**

### *Along U.S. Borders*

#### **5. Canada granting asylum to U.S. border crossers at higher rates: data**

(Reuters; 43.6M uvm) ... Anna Mehler Paperny

Asylum seekers who illegally crossed the U.S. border into Canada this year are obtaining refugee status at higher rates, new data shows, as authorities accept claims from people who say they feared being deported by U.S. President Donald Trump's administration. More than 15,000 people have crossed the U.S.-Canadian border illegally to claim refugee status in Canada this year. Many were in the United States legally and some interviewed by Reuters said they might have stayed were it not for an immigration crackdown.

#### **6. Laredo Sector Border Patrol seizes over 700 pounds of marijuana**

(KGNS-TV; 87k uvm; Laredo, TX) ... Justin J. Reyes

The Laredo Sector Border Patrol seized over 700 pounds of marijuana this past week during two separate incidents. The first seizure took place on October 19th when Border Patrol agents observed several individuals loading bundles into a Nissan Xterra. As agents approached the individuals, they fled the area on foot, leaving their vehicle behind. Border Patrol agents found five bundles of marijuana, which had an estimated street value of \$301,280. The second seizure took place on the same day when agents attempted to stop a Ford F-150 on Mines Road. The driver fled the scene and was later involved in an accident where he was arrested. Border Patrol agents found six bundles of marijuana inside the vehicle with an estimated street value of \$318,648. Both vehicles were seized by Border Patrol and the marijuana and the driver were turned over to the DEA.

#### **7. Border Patrol agents rescue four undocumented immigrants from a truck**

(KGNS-TV; 87k uvm; Laredo, TX) ... Justin J. Reyes

Agents with the Laredo Sector Border Patrol rescued four undocumented immigrants that were concealed in a truck. According to Border Patrol, on October 20th, agents at the checkpoint on Highway 359 near Hebbronville encountered a white Ford box truck at the primary inspection lane. The driver was questioned regarding his immigration status and was referred to secondary inspection. Upon further search of the vehicle, agents found four undocumented immigrants that were concealed inside the cargo area of the truck without a means to exit without assistance. The four immigrants were determined to be from Mexico. The driver was a U.S. citizen and was referred for prosecution.

#### **8. Border Patrol agents make two drug busts in under an hour**

(KYMA-TV; 20k uvm; Yuma, AZ) ... Crystal Bedoya

Border Patrol agents stationed at the Highway 86 checkpoint arrested a man and woman on two separate events less than an hour of each other Thursday, A 21-year-

old woman approached the checkpoint at around 9:15 a.m. in a Crusero/International California bus. Agents referred the bus to secondary inspection where a Border Patrol detection canine team alerted to the top of the luggage compartment. The canine pointed out a specific seat leading agents to interview the seat's occupant and discovered narcotics strapped to a woman's abdomen. The narcotics tested positive for heroin. The total weight of the heroin was 2.52 pounds and had an estimated street value of \$27,720. The woman, a U.S. citizen, and narcotics were turned over to the Drug Enforcement Administration for further investigation. The second incident occurred around 30 minutes later, at 9:45 a.m. A 21-year-old man approached the same checkpoint in a red 2005 Mini Cooper.

### *Ports of Entry*

#### **9. Woman attempts to smuggle drugs across border inside her body** (KMSB-TV; 596k uvm; Tucson, AZ)

Officers with U.S. Customs and Border Protection at Arizona's Port of San Luis arrested a woman who attempted to smuggle methamphetamine inside her body. "The concealment of narcotics inside the body is an extremely dangerous method often attempted by smugglers," said John Schwamm, San Luis Port Director. "It can be instantly fatal should the narcotics seep through the packaging and be absorbed into the body." According to a CBP release, the 28-year-old was stopped for further inspection at the pedestrian lane on Thursday, Oct. 19 after a CBP canine alerted to the possibility of drugs. When officers questioned the woman she admitted she had drugs concealed in her groin area. CBP officers seized the drugs, 4 ounces of methamphetamine worth an estimated \$700, and turned the woman over to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations.

#### **10. Korean man, wanted in Oregon, apprehended at Guam airport** (Pacific Daily News; 141k uvm; Hagatna, Guam) ... Steve Limtiaco

A man wanted in connection with sex crimes in Oregon was apprehended on Guam after he arrived here on a flight from South Korea, according to a written statement from U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The 59-year-old man, who is not named in the statement, is wanted on charges of rape in the first degree, sodomy in the first degree and two counts of sex abuse in the first degree, according to the statement. The South Korean man arrived on a flight Oct. 19 and was taken into custody by Customs and Border Protection. "Customs and Border Protection works closely with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to identify and apprehend persons that seek to evade our laws and harm our citizens," said Brian J. Humphrey, CBP Director of Field Operations in San Francisco.

#### **11. Multiple agencies respond to hazmat exercise, temporarily close border** (Fiddlehead Focus; Fort Kent, ME) ... Don Eno

Local firefighters and ambulance crews as well as members of the Maine National Guard and U.S. Customs and Border Protection took part Wednesday in a hazardous materials response training near the American side of the border crossing.

The international bridge connecting Madawaska with Edmundston, New Brunswick, was closed briefly to allow responders to go through the border crossing portion of the scenario. The drill simulated a scenario in which a person coming into the U.S. across the bridge was found to be carrying a package suspected of containing an unknown chemical or biological agent. In this training, agents inside the customs office were “exposed” and needed to be decontaminated.

## **BORDER WALL**

### **12. The 8 prototypes for Trump's border wall (Photos)**

(Washington Examiner; 4.7M uvm) ... Gabby Morrongiello

**VIDEO:** Nine months into his first term, President Trump's proposed wall along the U.S.-Mexico border is finally beginning to take shape. Eight architectural models of what the wall may look like are one week from completion at a construction site just miles away from the southwesternmost point of the United States. Each unique structure has been designed with the challenges border patrol officials currently face in mind, giving way to prototypes with razor wire edges or bottom-heavy cement foundations. When the 30-day construction period ends next week, U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials will begin testing each prototype for the unit's ability to prevent climbing, tunnelling, and destruction. The Washington Examiner received an up-close look at each of the eight prototypes, which measure in at around 30 feet in height, along with a tour of the current barriers that exist to prevent illegal border crossings into the United States. Take a look at the exclusive images below:

### **13. Undocumented Immigrants Cross by Border Wall Prototypes: CBP**

(KNSD; 2.1M uvm; San Diego, CA) ... Steven Luke

**VIDEO:** As crews finish up border wall prototypes, agents continue apprehending undocumented immigrants inside the actual construction zone. Most recently, five Nepali citizens hopped the 7-foot fence Thursday and turned themselves into U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents near the construction site. Three men and two women, between ages 19 and 30, requested asylum from their country by claiming credible fear of return. CBP officials said they do not track apprehensions by location, so they couldn't confirm exactly how many similar incidents have occurred near the construction zone. But agents said they have detained others in the same area.

### **14. Southwest Environmental Center to host “Back by Noon” trip to the border wall**

(Las Cruces Sun-News; 310k uvm, Las Cruces, NM)

The public is invited to join the Southwest Environmental Center for "No Walls in the Wild" to view the border wall. Participants should meet at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 28 at the center, 275 N. Main St. The outing is part of the Southwest Environmental Center's spring 2017 Back by Noon Series. At 17 feet high and constructed of heavy metal, the existing border wall along parts of the US-Mexican border has to be seen to be believed. SWEC's Executive Director, Kevin Bixby, will lead us on this outing to

see the border wall up close in Sunland Park and explain its effects on the most biologically diverse region in the U.S.

### **15. Trump's border wall models take shape in San Diego**

(Associated Press)... Elliot Spagat

The last two of eight prototypes for President Donald Trump's proposed border wall took shape Thursday at a construction site in San Diego. The prototypes form a tightly packed row of imposing concrete and metal panels, including one with sharp metal edges on top. Another has a surface resembling an expensive brick driveway. Companies have until Oct. 26 to finish the models but Border Patrol spokesman Theron Francisco said the last two came into profile, with crews installing a corrugated metal surface on the eighth model on a dirt lot just a few steps from homes in Tijuana, Mexico. As the crews worked, three men and two women from Nepal, ages 19 to 30, jumped a short rusted fence from Tijuana into the construction site and were immediately stopped by agents on horseback. Francisco said there have been four or five other illegal crossing attempts at the site since work began Sept. 26.

## **TRADE**

### **16. OOIDA optimistic NAFTA redo can fix Mexican cross-border trucking**

(Land Line; 34k uvm) ... Sandi Soendker

OOIDA Executive Vice President Todd Spencer skips the small talk when talking about Mexican long-haul trucking and the renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement. "It would be nuts to leave this in the agreement, giving Mexico something to use as a hammer to collect tariffs on American goods," he said Friday. "There is no reason to leave it in the agreement. It doesn't make economic sense." Spencer is seldom without harsh words for the Mexican cross-border trucking, its challenges and its history. "The safety regime in Mexico is in no way compatible with trucking regs here and won't be for a long time," he says. "The FMCSA pilot program? What a sham." For years, OOIDA and the Teamsters have said that Mexico's long-haul fleets trucking in the U.S. was a pie-in-the-sky provision in the NAFTA that was so poorly thought out that there's no way the U.S. should be held to it. Mexico has disagreed, protesting through the years with retaliatory tariffs.

## **WORKFORCE**

### **17. New director arrives at FLETC**

(The Brunswick News; 152k uvm; Brunswick, GA) ... Wes Wolfe

The Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers received their new director this week, as Thomas J. Walters moved into the position Monday. Walters served nearly three decades with the federal Customs and Border Protection agency, and comes to Brunswick after running his own private border security consulting business, according to the FLETC website He has spent most of his career in border security, beginning as a border patrol agent in Texas in 1975, moving up the leadership ladder

in the agency and taking a significant hand in crafting its mission and purpose.

## OPINION

### **18. Commentary: Why America will never see Trump's border wall**

(American Statesman; 604k uvm; Austin, TX) ... Nate Bruggeman and Ben Rohrbaugh

The border wall remains the focus of the border security debate in Washington. Prototypes are reportedly under construction in San Diego, with the president recently going so far as to declare that he will pick out a wall design himself. Not to be left behind, Republicans in Congress recently proposed a new bill to begin funding a border wall. And this after the House included \$1.6 billion for the wall earlier this summer. It would seem that the president's border wall plan is moving apace, though this flurry of activity obscures reality: President Trump's idea will never be built. The only way the wall was going to happen was through an enormous initial effort and investment of resources that quickly made progress such that it could not be easily reversed.

### **19. COPS NOTEBOOK: An affront to civil liberties**

(Niagara Gazette; 196k uvm; Niagara Falls, NY) ... Rick Pfeiffer

It's not easy protecting America's borders. I get that. I agree with that. Border Patrol agents working the southern sectors of the United States facing incredibly daunting challenges. And those on the northern border could not be stretched any thinner. Likewise, Customs and Border Protection agents at our air, sea and land ports of entry face indescribable pressure not to allow really bad people into our country. They have done a truly remarkable job over the years, particularly since 9/11. But now I'm troubled by a new and an aggressive approach to alleged national security matters that isn't just unnecessary, it represents a dangerous encroachment on our civil liberties. While we may wish to argue that American citizens, who leave the country for travel, should not have to check their civil rights at the border before they can return home, the courts have deemed that is constitutionally permissible.

## DHS NEWS

### **20. DHS Under Pressure Over Alleged Violation Of Policies On Sensitive Locations**

(National Public Radio; 22M uvm) ... John Burnett

**AUDIO:** Democrats in Congress have blasted federal immigration agents, saying they're violating their own policy by making arrests at so-called sensitive locations such as hospitals, schools and churches. One recent case involved an undocumented couple apprehended by Border Patrol in a South Texas hospital while their infant son awaited a serious operation. ARI SHAPIRO, HOST: Last month, we told you a story about an undocumented couple apprehended by border patrol in a South Texas hospital. It happened while their infant son awaited a serious operation. Since NPR's piece aired, Democrats in Congress have blasted federal immigration

agents, saying they are violating their own policy by making arrests at hospitals, schools and churches. NPR's John Burnett has this follow-up. JOHN BURNETT, BYLINE: Immigration agents are prohibited from taking enforcement actions in or near so-called sensitive locations unless there's a threat that involves national security, terrorism or public safety. Senator Richard Blumenthal, Democrat of Connecticut, along with 19 other senators are asking why federal agents are creeping into these once-sacrosanct zones for routine, low-level arrests.

## **21. Report: 152 Afghan trainees have gone AWOL in U.S. since 2005**

(Associated Press) ... Robert Burns

At least 152 Afghans sent to the United States for military training during the course of the war against the Taliban have gone AWOL, and the problem, which worsened last year, is unlikely to improve soon, U.S. inspectors said Friday. AWOL Afghans are considered a security risk in the U.S. because they have military training and are of fighting age, and relatively few are ever arrested or detained, according to a report by the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction. ... But in asserting that the problem remains of concern, inspectors noted that the State Department reported that four AWOL Afghan trainees were caught by Customs and Border Protection in Washington state in August.

## **OF INTEREST**

## **22. Border Patrol: Teen Released after Foiled Human Smuggling Attempt**

(KRGV-TV; 275k uvm; Weslaco, TX) ... Christian Von Preysing

**VIDEO:** A teen accused of causing a rollover during a human smuggling attempt is free from custody the day after their arrest, according to Border Patrol. Agents said the teen took off after spotting law enforcement near Anzalduas Park Wednesday. The driver attempted a maneuver and rolled over, according to the agents. "They discovered that there were seven people inside that vehicle," said Border Patrol spokesperson Marcelino Medina. The agency said the teen was found to be a U.S. citizen. "Cases like this one, in particular, are not uncommon. In fact, they're frequent here in the Rio Grande Valley, particularly Starr County, Rio Grande City," said Medina. Medina said the number one temptation is money. "[They're] trying to convert them to become ruthless smugglers that have no regard for human life," he said. Agents said six passengers found inside the vehicle were hospitalized. The driver is free from detention and is not expected to face state or federal prosecution. Border Patrol said they're actively working in multiple ways, including visiting schools to help educate and discourage these types of crimes.

## **23. 16 Charged in Southern California Animal Trafficking Sweep**

(Associated Press)

From a baby tiger cub to monitor lizards and a macaw, authorities have seized dozens of animals and filed charges against 16 people as part of what they say is the largest wildlife trafficking sweep in Southern California. Federal authorities call the sweep "Operation Jungle Book" and say it's an effort to combat a growing illegal

market for exotic animals that threatens the survival of species. "An insatiable desire to own examples — both living and dead — of these vulnerable creatures is fueling this black market," Acting U.S. Attorney Sandra R. Brown said in a statement. Among the animals seized are king cobras, turtles, fish and a Bengal tiger cub that a California man said he bought on the streets of Tijuana, Mexico, for \$300. Luis Eudoro Valencia has pleaded not guilty to smuggling the kitten into the U.S. after border officials found the cub lying on the passenger-side floor of his car in August.

## SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYSIS

### OF NOTE

- The top shared URL of the period was an article published by *Breitbart Texas* titled, *Armed Mexican Cartel Scouts Sentenced for Fighting Border Patrol Agents*. The URL was shared 118 times.
- The tweet with the highest volume of retweets during the period was in criticism of the border wall made by *Gizmodo* (@Gizmodo). The tweet insinuated that if a drone could fly over the wall to take videos and photographs of construction, than a drone could fly over the wall to transport drugs. The tweet received 89 retweets, 101 likes, and 17 comments.
- From the @CustomsBorder Twitter account, a tweet with the hashtag: #CatchOfTheDay received the highest engagement. The post displays 4 illegal aliens that had been arrested by CBP and links a press release detailing their capture. The tweet garnered 35 retweets, 87 likes, and 9 comments.

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## Daily Media Summary October 21, 2017

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- There was significant media coverage on the return of a man's pickup truck by Customs and Border Protection two years from when it was seized by Customs officers. Outlets that covered the story include: *Washington Post* and *Reason*.
- An article was released on the popular media outlet, *Gizmodo*, which criticized the effectiveness a border wall would have on the smuggling of drugs over the border, arguing that drones can fly over the wall to transport drugs. The author reached out to CBP where Carlos Diaz, the Southwest Branch Chief for the CBP Office of Public Affairs, explained that it is the combination of multiple factors that would secure the border. A tweet by *Gizmodo* touching on the subject garnered the highest amount of retweets in the CBP Twitter conversation of the period.
- There was an exceptional amount of coverage by local outlets on drug busts both Along U.S. Borders and at Ports of Entry.

### TOP NEWS

1. **Customs took his truck without charging him with a crime. Two years later, he's finally getting it back.**

(Washington Post; 43.9M uvm) ... Christopher Ingraham

Customs and Border Protection is returning a Kentucky man's truck, more than two years after it was seized because Border Patrol officers found five bullets in the truck's center console. In September 2015, Customs officers seized the pickup truck belonging to Gerardo Serrano after they found the bullets when he attempted to cross the border into Mexico. The agency maintained that the bullets were "munitions of war" and that transporting them to Mexico was illegal. Serrano says he simply forgot that he left the small ammunition magazine in his truck's center console. Serrano, who holds a concealed carry permit, did not have a gun or any other weapons with him at the time.

2. **Drone Video of Border Wall Prototypes Accidentally Shows How Worthless the Wall Would Be**

(Gizmodo; 36.7M uvm) ... Matt Novak

**VIDEO:** US Customs and Border Protection recently released video of President Trump's border wall prototypes in San Diego. And we couldn't help but notice something strange from the video. It shows a bird's-eye view of the wall from the perspective of a drone. And the drone is much, much higher than the wall. Do you see what I mean? This is supposed to be a wall that, in President Trump's words, is going to



stop “drugs from pouring into this country.” But the funny thing about a wall is that you can get over it pretty easily these days—especially as drones become more affordable. CBP’s own video proves just how easy it is to get over the damn thing. ... When I asked CBP about that, they seemed to acknowledge that the wall obviously doesn’t do shit on its own. “Matt, don’t forget that there are also agents, sensors, cameras and other technologies monitoring the Border Enforcement Zone,” Carlos Diaz, the Southwest Branch Chief for the CBP Office of Public Affairs, told Gizmodo by email. “The combination of those elements allow for the effective and efficient protection of the wall.”

**3. Over \$90k in drugs seized in two separate Border Patrol busts**  
(KESQ-TV; 302k uvm; Thousand Palms, CA) ... Jon Moreno

A man and a woman were arrested Thursday during two separate drug smuggling incidents at the Highway 86 checkpoint in Salton City. The first incident occurred around 9:15 am, when a 21-year-old woman approached the checkpoint in a Crusero/International California bus. The bus was referred to a second inspection and a Border Patrol detection canine team alerted to the top of the luggage compartment. Agents removed all occupants from the bus. The canine alerted to a specific seat. Agents interviewed the owner of the seat and discovered narcotics strapped to a woman’s abdomen. The substance of the narcotics tested positive for heroin. The total weight of the heroin was 2.52 pounds and had an estimated street value of \$27,720.

**4. Border Agents find meth inside stuffed toy**  
(KYMA-TV; 20k uvm; Yuma, AZ) ... Blake Keller

Border Patrol agents arrested two U.S. citizens Wednesday after finding nearly 2 pounds of methamphetamine that was stuffed in a toy dog. It happened during a search of the vehicle at the immigration checkpoint on Highway 78 near Blythe, California. Blythe station Border Patrol agents referred the driver of the Dodge Charger to secondary inspection after a Border Patrol canine alerted to an odor coming from the car. Upon inspection, agents found five packages of meth inside a stuffed dog toy. An additional three small bags of meth in the passenger’s purse. The drugs worth amounts to almost \$6,000.

## NEWS INDEX

### BORDER SECURITY

#### *Along U.S. Borders*

**5. Canada granting asylum to U.S. border crossers at higher rates: data**  
(Reuters; 43.6M uvm) ... Anna Mehler Paperny

Asylum seekers who illegally crossed the U.S. border into Canada this year are obtaining refugee status at higher rates, new data shows, as authorities accept claims from people who say they feared being deported by U.S. President Donald Trump’s



administration. More than 15,000 people have crossed the U.S.-Canadian border illegally to claim refugee status in Canada this year. Many were in the United States legally and some interviewed by Reuters said they might have stayed were it not for an immigration crackdown.

**6. Laredo Sector Border Patrol seizes over 700 pounds of marijuana**  
(KGNS-TV; 87k uvm; Laredo, TX) ... Justin J. Reyes

The Laredo Sector Border Patrol seized over 700 pounds of marijuana this past week during two separate incidents. The first seizure took place on October 19th when Border Patrol agents observed several individuals loading bundles into a Nissan Xterra. As agents approached the individuals, they fled the area on foot, leaving their vehicle behind. Border Patrol agents found five bundles of marijuana, which had an estimated street value of \$301,280. The second seizure took place on the same day when agents attempted to stop a Ford F-150 on Mines Road. The driver fled the scene and was later involved in an accident where he was arrested. Border Patrol agents found six bundles of marijuana inside the vehicle with an estimated street value of \$318,648. Both vehicles were seized by Border Patrol and the marijuana and the driver were turned over to the DEA.

**7. Border Patrol agents rescue four undocumented immigrants from a truck**  
(KGNS-TV; 87k uvm; Laredo, TX) ... Justin J. Reyes

Agents with the Laredo Sector Border Patrol rescued four undocumented immigrants that were concealed in a truck. According to Border Patrol, on October 20th, agents at the checkpoint on Highway 359 near Hebbronville encountered a white Ford box truck at the primary inspection lane. The driver was questioned regarding his immigration status and was referred to secondary inspection. Upon further search of the vehicle, agents found four undocumented immigrants that were concealed inside the cargo area of the truck without a means to exit without assistance. The four immigrants were determined to be from Mexico. The driver was a U.S. citizen and was referred for prosecution.

**8. Border Patrol agents make two drug busts in under an hour**  
(KYMA-TV; 20k uvm; Yuma, AZ) ... Crystal Bedoya

Border Patrol agents stationed at the Highway 86 checkpoint arrested a man and woman on two separate events less than an hour of each other Thursday. A 21-year-old woman approached the checkpoint at around 9:15 a.m. in a Crusero/International California bus. Agents referred the bus to secondary inspection where a Border Patrol detection canine team alerted to the top of the luggage compartment. The canine pointed out a specific seat leading agents to interview the seat's occupant and discovered narcotics strapped to a woman's abdomen. The narcotics tested positive for heroin. The total weight of the heroin was 2.52 pounds and had an estimated street value of \$27,720. The woman, a U.S. citizen, and narcotics were turned over to the Drug Enforcement Administration for further investigation. The second incident occurred



around 30 minutes later, at 9:45 a.m. A 21-year-old man approached the same checkpoint in a red 2005 Mini Cooper.

### *Ports of Entry*

**9. Woman attempts to smuggle drugs across border inside her body**  
(KMSB-TV; 596k uvm; Tucson, AZ)

Officers with U.S. Customs and Border Protection at Arizona's Port of San Luis arrested a woman who attempted to smuggle methamphetamine inside her body. "The concealment of narcotics inside the body is an extremely dangerous method often attempted by smugglers," said John Schwamm, San Luis Port Director. "It can be instantly fatal should the narcotics seep through the packaging and be absorbed into the body." According to a CBP release, the 28-year-old was stopped for further inspection at the pedestrian lane on Thursday, Oct. 19 after a CBP canine alerted to the possibility of drugs. When officers questioned the woman she admitted she had drugs concealed in her groin area. CBP officers seized the drugs, 4 ounces of methamphetamine worth an estimated \$700, and turned the woman over to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations.

**10. Korean man, wanted in Oregon, apprehended at Guam airport**  
(Pacific Daily News; 141k uvm; Hagatna, Guam) ... Steve Limtiaco

A man wanted in connection with sex crimes in Oregon was apprehended on Guam after he arrived here on a flight from South Korea, according to a written statement from U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The 59-year-old man, who is not named in the statement, is wanted on charges of rape in the first degree, sodomy in the first degree and two counts of sex abuse in the first degree, according to the statement. The South Korean man arrived on a flight Oct. 19 and was taken into custody by Customs and Border Protection. "Customs and Border Protection works closely with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to identify and apprehend persons that seek to evade our laws and harm our citizens," said Brian J. Humphrey, CBP Director of Field Operations in San Francisco.

**11. Multiple agencies respond to hazmat exercise, temporarily close border**  
(Fiddlehead Focus; Fort Kent, ME) ... Don Eno

Local firefighters and ambulance crews as well as members of the Maine National Guard and U.S. Customs and Border Protection took part Wednesday in a hazardous materials response training near the American side of the border crossing. The international bridge connecting Madawaska with Edmundston, New Brunswick, was closed briefly to allow responders to go through the border crossing portion of the scenario. The drill simulated a scenario in which a person coming into the U.S. across the bridge was found to be carrying a package suspected of containing an unknown chemical or biological agent. In this training, agents inside the customs office were "exposed" and needed to be decontaminated.



## **BORDER WALL**

### **12. The 8 prototypes for Trump's border wall (Photos)**

(Washington Examiner; 4.7M uvm) ... Gabby Morrongiello

**VIDEO:** Nine months into his first term, President Trump's proposed wall along the U.S.-Mexico border is finally beginning to take shape. Eight architectural models of what the wall may look like are one week from completion at a construction site just miles away from the southwesternmost point of the United States. Each unique structure has been designed with the challenges border patrol officials currently face in mind, giving way to prototypes with razor wire edges or bottom-heavy cement foundations. When the 30-day construction period ends next week, U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials will begin testing each prototype for the unit's ability to prevent climbing, tunnelling, and destruction. The Washington Examiner received an up-close look at each of the eight prototypes, which measure in at around 30 feet in height, along with a tour of the current barriers that exist to prevent illegal border crossings into the United States. Take a look at the exclusive images below:

### **13. Undocumented Immigrants Cross by Border Wall Prototypes: CBP**

(KNSD; 2.1M uvm; San Diego, CA) ... Steven Luke

**VIDEO:** As crews finish up border wall prototypes, agents continue apprehending undocumented immigrants inside the actual construction zone. Most recently, five Nepali citizens hopped the 7-foot fence Thursday and turned themselves into U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents near the construction site. Three men and two women, between ages 19 and 30, requested asylum from their country by claiming credible fear of return. CBP officials said they do not track apprehensions by location, so they couldn't confirm exactly how many similar incidents have occurred near the construction zone. But agents said they have detained others in the same area.

### **14. Southwest Environmental Center to host "Back by Noon" trip to the border wall**

(Las Cruces Sun-News; 310k uvm, Las Cruces, NM)

The public is invited to join the Southwest Environmental Center for "No Walls in the Wild" to view the border wall. Participants should meet at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 28 at the center, 275 N. Main St. The outing is part of the Southwest Environmental Center's spring 2017 Back by Noon Series. At 17 feet high and constructed of heavy metal, the existing border wall along parts of the US-Mexican border has to be seen to be believed. SWEC's Executive Director, Kevin Bixby, will lead us on this outing to see the border wall up close in Sunland Park and explain its effects on the most biologically diverse region in the U.S.

### **15. Trump's border wall models take shape in San Diego**

(Associated Press)... Elliot Spagat



The last two of eight prototypes for President Donald Trump's proposed border wall took shape Thursday at a construction site in San Diego. The prototypes form a tightly packed row of imposing concrete and metal panels, including one with sharp metal edges on top. Another has a surface resembling an expensive brick driveway. Companies have until Oct. 26 to finish the models but Border Patrol spokesman Theron Francisco said the last two came into profile, with crews installing a corrugated metal surface on the eighth model on a dirt lot just a few steps from homes in Tijuana, Mexico. As the crews worked, three men and two women from Nepal, ages 19 to 30, jumped a short rusted fence from Tijuana into the construction site and were immediately stopped by agents on horseback. Francisco said there have been four or five other illegal crossing attempts at the site since work began Sept. 26.

## TRADE

### **16. OOIDA optimistic NAFTA redo can fix Mexican cross-border trucking**

(Land Line; 34k uvm) ... Sandi Soendker

OOIDA Executive Vice President Todd Spencer skips the small talk when talking about Mexican long-haul trucking and the renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement. "It would be nuts to leave this in the agreement, giving Mexico something to use as a hammer to collect tariffs on American goods," he said Friday. "There is no reason to leave it in the agreement. It doesn't make economic sense." Spencer is seldom without harsh words for the Mexican cross-border trucking, its challenges and its history. "The safety regime in Mexico is in no way compatible with trucking regs here and won't be for a long time," he says. "The FMCSA pilot program? What a sham." For years, OOIDA and the Teamsters have said that Mexico's long-haul fleets trucking in the U.S. was a pie-in-the-sky provision in the NAFTA that was so poorly thought out that there's no way the U.S. should be held to it. Mexico has disagreed, protesting through the years with retaliatory tariffs.

## WORKFORCE

### **17. New director arrives at FLETC**

(The Brunswick News; 152k uvm; Brunswick, GA) ... Wes Wolfe

The Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers received their new director this week, as Thomas J. Walters moved into the position Monday. Walters served nearly three decades with the federal Customs and Border Protection agency, and comes to Brunswick after running his own private border security consulting business, according to the FLETC website. He has spent most of his career in border security, beginning as a border patrol agent in Texas in 1975, moving up the leadership ladder in the agency and taking a significant hand in crafting its mission and purpose.

## OPINION

### **18. Commentary: Why America will never see Trump's border wall**



(American Statesman; 604k uvm; Austin, TX) ... Nate Bruggeman and Ben Rohrbaugh

The border wall remains the focus of the border security debate in Washington. Prototypes are reportedly under construction in San Diego, with the president recently going so far as to declare that he will pick out a wall design himself. Not to be left behind, Republicans in Congress recently proposed a new bill to begin funding a border wall. And this after the House included \$1.6 billion for the wall earlier this summer. It would seem that the president's border wall plan is moving apace, though this flurry of activity obscures reality: President Trump's idea will never be built. The only way the wall was going to happen was through an enormous initial effort and investment of resources that quickly made progress such that it could not be easily reversed.

**19. COPS NOTEBOOK: An affront to civil liberties**

(Niagara Gazette; 196k uvm; Niagara Falls, NY) ... Rick Pfeiffer

It's not easy protecting America's borders. I get that. I agree with that. Border Patrol agents working the southern sectors of the United States facing incredibly daunting challenges. And those on the northern border could not be stretched any thinner. Likewise, Customs and Border Protection agents at our air, sea and land ports of entry face indescribable pressure not to allow really bad people into our country. They have done a truly remarkable job over the years, particularly since 9/11. But now I'm troubled by a new and an aggressive approach to alleged national security matters that isn't just unnecessary, it represents a dangerous encroachment on our civil liberties. While we may wish to argue that American citizens, who leave the country for travel, should not have to check their civil rights at the border before they can return home, the courts have deemed that is constitutionally permissible.

**DHS NEWS**

**20. DHS Under Pressure Over Alleged Violation Of Policies On Sensitive Locations**

(National Public Radio; 22M uvm) ... John Burnett

**AUDIO:** Democrats in Congress have blasted federal immigration agents, saying they're violating their own policy by making arrests at so-called sensitive locations such as hospitals, schools and churches. One recent case involved an undocumented couple apprehended by Border Patrol in a South Texas hospital while their infant son awaited a serious operation. **ARI SHAPIRO, HOST:** Last month, we told you a story about an undocumented couple apprehended by border patrol in a South Texas hospital. It happened while their infant son awaited a serious operation. Since NPR's piece aired, Democrats in Congress have blasted federal immigration agents, saying they are violating their own policy by making arrests at hospitals, schools and churches. NPR's John Burnett has this follow-up. **JOHN BURNETT, BYLINE:** Immigration agents are prohibited from taking enforcement actions in or near so-called sensitive locations unless there's a threat that involves national security, terrorism or public safety. Senator Richard Blumenthal, Democrat of Connecticut, along with 19 other senators are asking



why federal agents are creeping into these once-sacrosanct zones for routine, low-level arrests.

**21. Report: 152 Afghan trainees have gone AWOL in U.S. since 2005**

(Associated Press) ... Robert Burns

At least 152 Afghans sent to the United States for military training during the course of the war against the Taliban have gone AWOL, and the problem, which worsened last year, is unlikely to improve soon, U.S. inspectors said Friday. AWOL Afghans are considered a security risk in the U.S. because they have military training and are of fighting age, and relatively few are ever arrested or detained, according to a report by the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction. ... But in asserting that the problem remains of concern, inspectors noted that the State Department reported that four AWOL Afghan trainees were caught by Customs and Border Protection in Washington state in August.

**OF INTEREST**

**22. Border Patrol: Teen Released after Foiled Human Smuggling Attempt**

(KRGV-TV; 275k uvm; Weslaco, TX) ... Christian Von Preysing

**VIDEO:** A teen accused of causing a rollover during a human smuggling attempt is free from custody the day after their arrest, according to Border Patrol. Agents said the teen took off after spotting law enforcement near Anzalduas Park Wednesday. The driver attempted a maneuver and rolled over, according to the agents. "They discovered that there were seven people inside that vehicle," said Border Patrol spokesperson Marcelino Medina. The agency said the teen was found to be a U.S. citizen. "Cases like this one, in particular, are not uncommon. In fact, they're frequent here in the Rio Grande Valley, particularly Starr County, Rio Grande City," said Medina. Medina said the number one temptation is money. "[They're] trying to convert them to become ruthless smugglers that have no regard for human life," he said. Agents said six passengers found inside the vehicle were hospitalized. The driver is free from detention and is not expected to face state or federal prosecution. Border Patrol said they're actively working in multiple ways, including visiting schools to help educate and discourage these types of crimes.

**23. 16 Charged in Southern California Animal Trafficking Sweep**

(Associated Press)

From a baby tiger cub to monitor lizards and a macaw, authorities have seized dozens of animals and filed charges against 16 people as part of what they say is the largest wildlife trafficking sweep in Southern California. Federal authorities call the sweep "Operation Jungle Book" and say it's an effort to combat a growing illegal market for exotic animals that threatens the survival of species. "An insatiable desire to own examples — both living and dead — of these vulnerable creatures is fueling this black market," Acting U.S. Attorney Sandra R. Brown said in a statement. Among the animals seized are king cobras, turtles, fish and a Bengal tiger cub that a California man said he



bought on the streets of Tijuana, Mexico, for \$300. Luis Eudoro Valencia has pleaded not guilty to smuggling the kitten into the U.S. after border officials found the cub lying on the passenger-side floor of his car in August.

## SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYSIS

### OF NOTE

- The top shared URL of the period was an article published by *Breitbart Texas* titled, *Armed Mexican Cartel Scouts Sentenced for Fighting Border Patrol Agents*. The URL was shared 118 times.



- The tweet with the highest volume of retweets during the period was in criticism of the border wall made by *Gizmodo* (@Gizmodo). The tweet insinuated that if a drone could fly over the wall to take videos and photographs of construction, than a drone could fly over the wall to transport drugs. The tweet received 89 retweets, 101 likes, and 17 comments.
- From the @CustomsBorder Twitter account, a tweet with the hashtag: #CatchOfTheDay received the highest engagement. The post displays 4 illegal aliens that had been arrested by CBP and links a press release detailing their capture. The tweet garnered 35 retweets, 87 likes, and 9 comments.



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**Commissioner/Deputy Commissioner Speeches and Talking Points (Lead: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C))**

- Submitted a video script for CBP Acting Deputy Commissioner Ronald D. Vitiello for a message to employees about Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month (September).

**Media:**

- CBP OPA provided the following responses to the NY Times regarding Hurricane Harvey.

Lead: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

CBP Statement:

*“During those previous hurricanes- which landed in Florida and Louisiana- no checkpoints existed and thus were not in the storm’s path inhibiting evacuation. U.S. Border Patrol checkpoints can and do close when safety and efficiency of evacuation is imperative. For Hurricane Harvey, checkpoints located in the Rio Grande Valley are well south of the storm impact zones and evacuation routes. Therefore, those evacuating storm-affected areas do not have to travel through a U.S. Border Patrol Checkpoint. U.S. Customs and Border Protection is not conducting any operations at evacuation centers or shelters. On the contrary, during an evacuation, our highest priority is the safe evacuation of people leaving the impacted areas. As in previous emergency situations, CBP components are focused on search and rescue efforts and stand ready if requested by local law enforcement to assist in larger rescue efforts.”*

*“For additional clarification the hurricanes referenced hit Louisiana and Florida and U.S. Border Patrol does not have checkpoints there as part of their operational posture. With regard to storms in Texas during Tropical Storm Hermine in 2010 and Hurricane Dolly in 2008, U.S. Border Patrol checkpoints were closed as the storms got closer to facilitate evacuations. Again, I do think it’s important to note that U.S. Customs and Border Protection is not conducting any operations at evacuation centers or shelters. On the contrary, during an evacuation, our highest priority is the safe evacuation of people leaving the impacted areas. As in previous emergency situations, CBP components are focused on search and rescue efforts and stand ready if requested by local law enforcement to assist in larger rescue efforts.”*

**Social Media:**

Tweets:



Impressions	11,531
Total engagements	641
Media engagements	371
Likes	105
Retweets	55
Detail expands	51
Link clicks	30
Profile clicks	20
Hashtag clicks	6
Replies	3



Impressions	17,653
Total engagements	1,754
Media engagements	1,231
Detail expands	159
Likes	156
Retweets	94
Profile clicks	51
Link clicks	48
Hashtag clicks	11
Replies	3
Follows	1

Impressions: number of individuals that viewed the tweet on Twitter.

Engagements: number of times an individual interacted with the tweet, i.e., liked, favorited, shared, etc.

### **Communication and Outreach:**

**CBP.gov (Team Lead: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C))**

- Created central [CBP Response to Harvey](#) CBP.gov site.
- Published several website articles on CBP's Hurricane Harvey preparedness and response.
  - [CBP Joins First Response Efforts](#)
  - [Air and Marine Operations Flies Assets to Texas](#)
  - [CBP Readies for Hurricane Harvey](#)
- Published photo gallery on CBP's Hurricane Harvey response.
  - [CBP Responds to Hurricane Harvey](#)
- Attached are cbp.gov metrics for August 21-27.

**CBPnet (Team Lead: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C))**

- Added links to several articles on the [CBPnet homepage](#) on CBP's Hurricane Harvey preparedness and response.

**Writing and Editorial (Lead: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C))**

- Edited U.S. Border Patrol Immigrations Checkpoints info flyer.
- Edited 81-page Promotional Assessment Study Guide -- Supervisory/Managerial Border Patrol Agent.

**Internal Communications (Lead: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C))**

- **Email Messages:** CBP Central

**CBPSpeaks (Lead: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C))**

- See attached list for current status of all speaker requests.  
CBPSpeaks reports 20 speakers the week of August 21 with an anticipated audience reach to 5,000 individuals.

**Visual Communications:**

- Photographed CBP supporting communities impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Photos uploaded to a CBP Flickr for media postings. [CBP Provides Support to Communities Impacted by Hurricane Harvey](#)
- Uploaded a photo to CBP Flickr of USBP's smuggling tunnel discovery, which led to 30 arrests in Otay Mesa, California.
- Uploaded a photo to CBP Flickr from Charleston, South Carolina, of OFO intercepting 2,850 individual pieces of children's luggage bearing counterfeit trademarked and copyrighted brands.
- OPA digital signage (CBPNow): Added five slides to the CBPNow digital signage playlist.





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#BorderPatrol agents conduct search and rescue operations in Rockport, TX in the wake of #hurricaneharvey #harvey #KeepingAmericaSafe #firstresponders

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Scenes  
of CBP

U.S Border Patrol agents  
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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) talk with a woman  
who rode out Hurricane  
Harvey in her home near  
Rockport, Texas.



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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The top tier news outlet, *New York Times*, shared an article reporting that throughout the construction of the border wall prototypes there has been minimal protesting, contrary to expectation. While many outlets have pointed out surprise with the lack of protest, it is notable that a leading media source would dedicate an article to the specific topic.
- Local outlets such as *KGBT-TV* based in Harlingen, TX and *Monitor* based in McAllen, TX have covered the opening of a new inspection station in Rio Grande City. Outlets reported that the new station allows for Customs and Border Protection officers and Mexican officials to carry out customs checks simultaneously to increase efficiency and quicken the process.
- Actor Charlie Heaton's denied entry into the United States has continued to make headlines, including *Forbes*, *Entertainment Tonight* and *People*. *Forbes* connected the story to a reported increase in electronic device searches at the border, though according to the article in the case of Heaton, it was a dog who detected the cocaine traces.

### TOP NEWS

#### 1. California Today: The Border Protests That Never Came (New York Times; 29.9M uvm)... Mike McPhate

When contractors began, earlier this fall, building the prototypes for the wall along the Mexican border that President Trump made central to his campaign, local law enforcement officials braced themselves for chaos. They imagined protests on the scale of those over the Keystone Pipeline, with similar encampments to those in South Dakota last year. Customs and Border Protection was similarly worried that large protests could somehow disrupt the construction of the prototypes. Instead, with the eight prototypes constructed in an industrial section of Otay Mesa near San Diego, there has been little outcry. Large protests have yet to take place and there has been no need to use all the plans each contractor was required to make in case of "a hostile attack." Each of the prototypes cost between \$300,000 and \$500,000 to

build. Border patrol officials say it is likely to be months before they are tested with people trying to scale them, so it is possible big protests will occur. But one of the San Diego area's most vocal immigration activists, Enrique Morones, who created the group Border Angels, said that protesting "does more harm than good."

## **2. Customs and Border Protection opens new inspection station in Rio Grande City**

(KGBT-TV; 298k uvm; Harlingen, TX) ... Santiago Caicedo

**VIDEO:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection opened a new cargo inspection station Monday in Rio Grande City. The new inspection station will reduce congestion by allowing Customs and Border Protection officers and their Mexican counterparts to conduct customs checks together. "We're making international trade more efficient, we're making it where it creates more jobs because we're talking with each other. We're sharing information," said U.S. Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Laredo. Cuellar attended the inauguration ceremony Monday at the bridge that connects Rio Grande City and Camargo. "In the end time is money," said Rick Pauza, a spokesman for Customs and Border Protection, who added that the new process is faster and more efficient. "The truck only has to stop one time, but it's inspected by the two countries."

## **3. 'Stranger Things' At Border Control: Electronic Device Searches Increasingly Common**

(Forbes; 29.8M uvm) ... Michelle Fabio

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(Nogales International; 85 uvm; Nogales, AZ) ... Jonathan Clark

Police are being tight-lipped after an officer with U.S. Customs and Border Protection apparently fired a shot through the wall of his Nogales hotel room early Monday, nearly striking the man staying next door, the man said. Officer Oscar Mesta, a spokesman with the Nogales Police Department, initially called the shooting a non-injury "accidental discharge" involving a customs officer. However, he declined to offer additional details or answer follow-up questions, including whether the customs officer had been criminally charged or cited. ... A report by the responding officers "will be forwarded to CBP and the Santa Cruz County Attorney's Office for review," he said. "Because this officer may be sanctioned administratively, please contact the CBP public information officer for further information related to the CBP officer involved," he added. A CBP spokeswoman also said the locally based officer "unintentionally discharged" his weapon while off duty, noting that "the incident occurred at a hotel in Nogales, Ariz., and no one was injured." However, she noted that NPD is the lead investigative agency and "any further questions should be referred to the Nogales Police Department."

### **OPIOID EPIDEMIC**

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(KSTP-TV; 856k uvm; Saint Paul, MN) ... Joe Augustine and Ryan Raiche

**VIDEO:** The increased death rate mirrors a rise in the amount of man-made fentanyl being shipped to the United States. In 2015, U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers seized just 2 pounds of the drug at mail inspection sites nationwide. That number skyrocketed to 1,100 pounds of the drug confiscated in 2016. Aaron Broussard received "numerous shipments of drugs from international sources," according to court records. The deadly dose of fentanyl that was delivered from Broussard's apartment in Hopkins to Beddow's campus office in St. Paul was likely first shipped through Chicago's O'Hare International Airport -- the customs inspection site nearest the Twin Cities. "(Fentanyl) is our number one priority in the mail branch," said Officer Matthew Davies, of customs and border protection. Earlier this month during a routine shift, Davies' team confiscated a package that contained enough fentanyl to kill hundreds -- if not thousands -- of people. "I don't think it would be honest for me to say that we are able to catch everything," Davies said.

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(OC Weekly; 1.1M uvm; Fountain Valley, CA) ... Jose Servin

Both of these cases highlight two developments in the struggle for immigrant rights. First, ICE isn't alone in its agenda to vilify and terrorize the immigrant community. As we see in the Hernandez case and Israel Barrios, the immigrant father detained in Santa Ana who we've been demanding that ICE release, Border Patrol is moving further away from "securing" the border between the U.S and Mexico and into our community, which falls under the 100-mile border zone where the agency is granted extra-constitutional powers.

## **IMMIGRATION**

### **20.6 States Seek to Intervene in Hawaii's Travel Ban Challenge**

(Associated Press)

Six U.S. states want to intervene in Hawaii's lawsuit challenging President Donald Trump's travel ban. The states of California, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, Oregon and Washington filed a motion Monday asking to be parties in Hawaii's lawsuit. They agree with Hawaii that the ban is unconstitutional. Hawaii is challenging Trump's proclamation issued last month targeting about 150 million potential travelers from Chad, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Syria and Yemen, along with some Venezuelan government officials and their families. A federal judge in Hawaii granted the state's request to block the policy from taking effect. The U.S. government is appealing that ruling to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

## **OF INTEREST**

### **21. Ohio troopers find \$138k in marijuana during traffic stop**

(WCMH-TV; 1.1M uvm; Columbus, OH) ... NBC4 Staff

The Ohio State Highway Patrol says its troopers found 58 pounds of marijuana during a traffic stop in Erie County. According to the patrol, a 2013 Cadillac with California registration was pulled over for following too closely late Friday morning on Interstate 80. A US Border Patrol drug-sniffing dog alerted to the vehicle. A subsequent search revealed the marijuana. Troopers arrested 26-year-old James P. Turner and 24-year-old Pedro J. Nunez, both of Bakersfield, California. Both are charged with possession and trafficking in marijuana.

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(KENS-TV; 446K uvm; San Antonio, TX) ... Adi Guajardo

**VIDEO:** Protestors gathered outside Senators John Cornyn's office to demand the release of an undocumented 10-year-old girl with cerebral palsy. Advocates for Rosa Maria chanted and expressed their frustrations during a rally Monday afternoon. Rosa Maria Hernandez was detained last week by Border Patrol agents following her emergency gallbladder surgery. Agents followed the girl to the hospital after they determined she was illegal at the Laredo border patrol checkpoint while headed to a hospital in Corpus Christi. Rosa Maria is being held at a detention center for migrants in San Antonio. She's been at the facility for five days. Many at the rally describe her

detainment as a crime against humanity.

## SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYSIS

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- On the @CustomsBorder Twitter account, a tweet sharing the arrest of a large smuggling group, press release attached, received the highest level of engagement. The tweet received 38 retweets, 87 likes, and 6 replies garnering 220k potential impressions as a result.

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(KGBT-TV; 298k uvm; Harlingen, TX) ... Santiago Caicedo

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(Entertainment Tonight; 9.4M uvm) ... Alex Ungerman

The Stranger Things 2star missed the second season premiere in Los Angeles last week after being detained at LAX Airport for what a law enforcement source tells ET was possession of small traces of cocaine. "This was a random inspection and we found traces of cocaine within his possession, and that was the reason he was denied entry into the United States," the source says, clarifying that Heaton was not deported and that no charges were filed. The 23-year-old actor headed home on the next available flight to London. "My planned travel to the US last week was affected by an issue at US immigration, and I am working to rectify it as soon as possible," the British actor said in a statement to ET on Monday. "I do want to clarify that I was not arrested or charged with a crime, and cooperated fully with the US officials at LAX." ... "Privacy concerns prevent U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) from discussing individual cases of travelers arriving at U.S. ports of entry," a Border Patrol agent told ET in a statement. "Foreign nationals may be inadmissible due to the commission of a crime involving drug possession. A violation, conspiracy to violate or simply an attempt to violate any U.S. State, federal or any foreign government controlled substance violation renders a foreign national inadmissible to the United States ... CBP officers treat all international travelers with integrity, respect and professionalism while keeping the highest standards of security."

## WORKFORCE

### **16. Mexican National Sentenced for Assaulting Border Patrol Agent**

(KRGV-TV; 275k uvm; Weslaco, TX) ... Cecilia Gutierrez

**VIDEO:** A Mexican national was sentenced for assaulting a U.S. Border Patrol agent near Hebbronville, east of Laredo. U.S. District Judge Diana Saldana ordered Miguel Cabrera-Rangel to eight years in prison. That is the maximum jail time he faced. Federal prosecutors said Cabrera was part of a group trying to enter the country illegally. When agents found the group, Cabrera struggled with the agent. Court documents reveal Cabrera struck the agent and somehow got ahold of the agent's service flashlight. He used the flashlight to hit the agent in the face, breaking his nose.



At the hearing, the court heard from the agent who was assaulted. He told the court about continuing issues he is having with his eyes as a result of the attack.

**17. Few details offered after CBP officer fires gun at hotel**

(Nogales International; 85 uvm; Nogales, AZ) ... Jonathan Clark

Police are being tight-lipped after an officer with U.S. Customs and Border Protection apparently fired a shot through the wall of his Nogales hotel room early Monday, nearly striking the man staying next door, the man said. Officer Oscar Mesta, a spokesman with the Nogales Police Department, initially called the shooting a non-injury "accidental discharge" involving a customs officer. However, he declined to offer additional details or answer follow-up questions, including whether the customs officer had been criminally charged or cited. ... A report by the responding officers "will be forwarded to CBP and the Santa Cruz County Attorney's Office for review," he said. "Because this officer may be sanctioned administratively, please contact the CBP public information officer for further information related to the CBP officer involved," he added. A CBP spokeswoman also said the locally based officer "unintentionally discharged" his weapon while off duty, noting that "the incident occurred at a hotel in Nogales, Ariz., and no one was injured." However, she noted that NPD is the lead investigative agency and "any further questions should be referred to the Nogales Police Department."

**OPIOID EPIDEMIC**

**18. U Professor Victim in Nationwide Fentanyl Operation Run Out of Hopkins Apartment**

(KSTP-TV; 856k uvm; Saint Paul, MN) ... Joe Augustine and Ryan Raiche

**VIDEO:** The increased death rate mirrors a rise in the amount of man-made fentanyl being shipped to the United States. In 2015, U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers seized just 2 pounds of the drug at mail inspection sites nationwide. That number skyrocketed to 1,100 pounds of the drug confiscated in 2016. Aaron Broussard received "numerous shipments of drugs from international sources," according to court records. The deadly dose of fentanyl that was delivered from Broussard's apartment in Hopkins to Beddow's campus office in St. Paul was likely first shipped through Chicago's O'Hare International Airport -- the customs inspection site nearest the Twin Cities. "(Fentanyl) is our number one priority in the mail branch," said Officer Matthew Davies, of customs and border protection. Earlier this month during a routine shift, Davies' team confiscated a package that contained enough fentanyl to kill hundreds -- if not thousands -- of people. "I don't think it would be honest for me to say that we are able to catch everything," Davies said.

**OPINION**

**19. Why Border Patrol is Ramping Up Efforts Far Away From the Border**

(OC Weekly; 1.1M uvm; Fountain Valley, CA) ... Jose Servin



Both of these cases highlight two developments in the struggle for immigrant rights. First, ICE isn't alone in its agenda to vilify and terrorize the immigrant community. As we see in the Hernandez case and Israel Barrios, the immigrant father detained in Santa Ana who we've been demanding that ICE release, Border Patrol is moving further away from "securing" the border between the U.S and Mexico and into our community, which falls under the 100-mile border zone where the agency is granted extra-constitutional powers.

## **IMMIGRATION**

### **20.6 States Seek to Intervene in Hawaii's Travel Ban Challenge**

(Associated Press)

Six U.S. states want to intervene in Hawaii's lawsuit challenging President Donald Trump's travel ban. The states of California, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, Oregon and Washington filed a motion Monday asking to be parties in Hawaii's lawsuit. They agree with Hawaii that the ban is unconstitutional. Hawaii is challenging Trump's proclamation issued last month targeting about 150 million potential travelers from Chad, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Syria and Yemen, along with some Venezuelan government officials and their families. A federal judge in Hawaii granted the state's request to block the policy from taking effect. The U.S. government is appealing that ruling to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

## **OF INTEREST**

### **21. Ohio troopers find \$138k in marijuana during traffic stop**

(WCMH-TV; 1.1M uvm; Columbus, OH) ... NBC4 Staff

The Ohio State Highway Patrol says its troopers found 58 pounds of marijuana during a traffic stop in Erie County. According to the patrol, a 2013 Cadillac with California registration was pulled over for following too closely late Friday morning on Interstate 80. A US Border Patrol drug-sniffing dog alerted to the vehicle. A subsequent search revealed the marijuana. Troopers arrested 26-year-old James P. Turner and 24-year-old Pedro J. Nunez, both of Bakersfield, California. Both are charged with possession and trafficking in marijuana.

### **22. Protestors demand the release of a 10-year-old girl detained by border patrol agents**

(KENS-TV; 446K uvm; San Antonio, TX) ... Adi Guajardo

**VIDEO:** Protestors gathered outside Senators John Cornyn's office to demand the release of an undocumented 10-year-old girl with cerebral palsy. Advocates for Rosa Maria chanted and expressed their frustrations during a rally Monday afternoon. Rosa Maria Hernandez was detained last week by Border Patrol agents following her emergency gallbladder surgery. Agents followed the girl to the hospital after they determined she was illegal at the Laredo border patrol checkpoint while headed to a hospital in Corpus Christi. Rosa Maria is being held at a detention center for migrants in

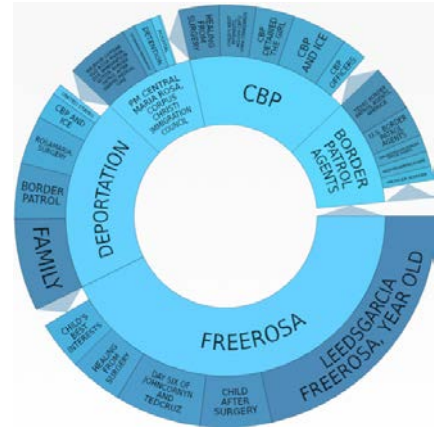


San Antonio. She's been at the facility for five days. Many at the rally describe her detainment as a crime against humanity.

## SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYSIS

### OF NOTE

- The social media conversation continued to focus on the story of Rosa Maria Hernandez, seen in the conversation topic wheel included. However, the overall volume in the CBP conversation has dropped significantly with 4,236 posts during the period; since the story broke last week the high was 26 October with 44,933 posts.
- A tweet by Gabe Ortíz (@TUSK81) continued to be the most retweeted post from the previous period. The tweet claims that Senators Cornyn and Cruz have ignored Rosa Maria Hernandez's detainment. The tweet has now garnered a total of 1.6k retweets, 2.6k likes, and 56 replies.



- On the @CustomsBorder Twitter account, a tweet sharing the arrest of a large smuggling group, press release attached, received the highest level of engagement. The tweet received 38 retweets, 87 likes, and 6 replies garnering 220k potential impressions as a result.

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### Media:

- Provided Joey Greaber from KGUN-9 information regarding the I-19 checkpoint after he was contacted by a protest group preparing to march on the checkpoint. OPA reported the checkpoint was currently closed for operational reasons and further information is unavailable for the preservation of operational security. Lead: (b) (6);(b) (7)(C)

### Social Media:

Tweets:



Impressions: number of people who viewed the tweet on Twitter.

Engagements: number of times someone interacted with the tweet, i.e., liked, favorited, shared, etc.

### Communication and Outreach:

CBP.gov (Team Lead: (b) (6);(b) (7)(C))

- Published an updated version of [CBP Snapshot](#).
- Attached are CBP.gov metrics for the week of Nov. 6-12.

Internal Communications (Lead: (b) (6);(b) (7)(C))

- CBPnet Postings:
  - [Acting Commissioner Message: Veterans Day - Honoring Those Who Served](#)
  - [Video: Veterans Day 2017 Employee Montage](#)
- Mass e-mails:
  - CBP CENTRAL
  - Show Some Love with CFC's Global Health Week!
  - Memorandum: Sensitive But Unclassified

**CBPSpeaks (Lead: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C))**

- CBPSpeaks reports 21 speakers the week of Nov. 6 with an anticipated audience reach to 4,500 people.
- See attached list for current status of all speaker requests.
- DHS Speakers Bureau cleared the following scheduled speaking engagements:
  - (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) chief, Office of Trade, at the International Trade Commission Trial Lawyers Association, Nov. 14 in Washington, D.C. Topic: CBP administration of international trade. Press: TBD.
  - (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) deputy executive assistant commissioner, Office of Field Operations, at FedScoop's Government Innovation Forum, Nov. 14 in Washington, D.C. Topic: Entry/exit efforts. Open press.

**Visual Communications:**

- Researched and provided a compilation of video and still photos for the Office of Human Resources' response for the first CFC "Cause Week – Clean Water and Hunger" campaign. HRM wants a 30-second to one-minute video documenting CBP's emergency relief efforts, emphasizing the efforts of CBP employees and CFC charities, such as the Red Cross, in the hurricane response and the importance of having "clean water and food" after a tragedy.
- Added four slides to the CBPNow digital signage playlist.



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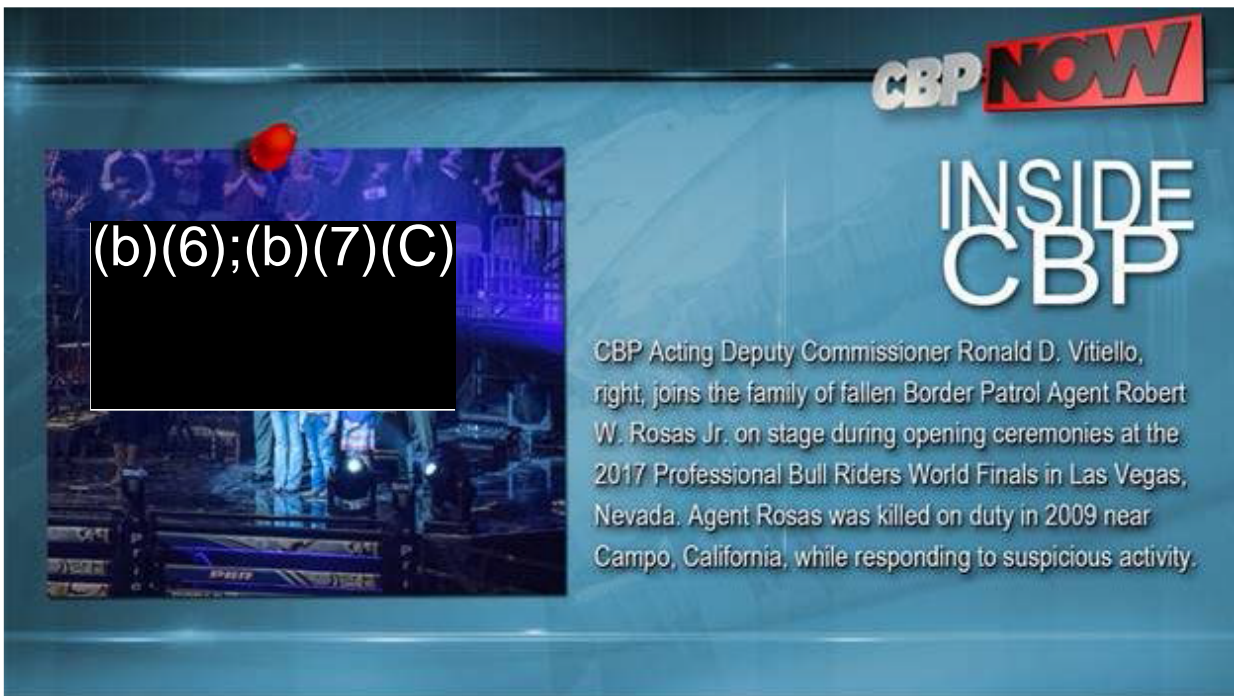
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## Daily Media Summary November 14, 2017

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The *Washington Post* reported a Senate panel will vote on Kirstjen Nielsen's nomination for DHS Secretary Tuesday. If approved by the Senate panel, the next step in the process would be a full Senate confirmation vote in the following weeks. The confirmation process has also been reported on by top tier media outlet *Breitbart*, and the *Washington Post* article was shared by smaller media outlets *Laredo Morning Times* and *Aviation News*.
- The *Laredo Morning Times* reported that CBP officers seized over 400 pounds of cocaine at the World Trade Bridge. "This seizure demonstrates a great example of teamwork from our CBP officers," Laredo Port Director Albert Flores said. "I commend our officers for their hard work, dedication and commitment to the CBP mission." The bust was not widely reported in the period.
- *Fox News* reported Border Patrol agents on the Confined Space Entry Team (CSET) were called to El Paso twice in one week to search the storm drains for illegal immigrants. While dangerous, it is not uncommon to find illegal immigrants who have been left in storm drains by smugglers. According to Supervisory Border Patrol Agent Nick Veliz the smugglers do not care about the dangers because "To them they're just money. So they just let them in and if they get out, good, if not, it doesn't really make a difference to them." This storyline was not widely reported in the period.

### TOP NEWS

1. **Kirstjen Nielsen, Trump's Homeland Security nominee, faces Senate panel vote**  
(Washington Post; 43.9M uvm) ... Nick Miroff

A Senate panel is scheduled to vote Tuesday on the nomination of President Trump's pick to lead the Department of Homeland Security, Kirstjen Nielsen, despite a push from Democrats to hold additional hearings. Five Democrats on the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee wrote a letter last week to the panel's

chairman, Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), urging him to bring Nielsen back for more questioning. They cited a report in The Washington Post describing efforts by top White House officials to pressure the acting DHS secretary, Elaine Duke, over an immigration decision. The report also detailed Duke's plans to resign. Johnson has not formally responded to the Democrats' letter, but his decision to schedule a vote for Tuesday morning indicates the panel's Republican majority wants to proceed with her nomination. If Nielsen is approved Tuesday, it would set the stage for a full Senate confirmation vote in the coming weeks.

## **2. Over \$3.2 million of cocaine found in paper towels, rolls at World Trade Bridge**

(Laredo Morning Times; 71k uvm; Laredo, TX) ... Jordan Ray

Over 400 pounds of cocaine were found in a commercial shipment of paper towels and rolls at the World Trade Bridge in Laredo, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection said late last week. The seizure occurred Monday when a CBP officer referred a tractor trailer hauling a commercial shipment of paper towels and rolls for inspection. CBP officers discovered 159 packages allegedly containing 424 pounds of alleged cocaine hidden within the shipment. The cocaine has an estimated street value of \$3,270,800. CBP officers then seized the drugs before turning the case over to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement-Homeland Security Investigations special agents for further investigation. "This seizure demonstrates a great example of teamwork from our CBP officers," Laredo Port Director Albert Flores said. "I commend our officers for their hard work, dedication and commitment to the CBP mission."

## **3. Border Patrol rescues illegal immigrants stuck in storm drains underground**

(Fox News; 32.5M uvm) ... Ray Bogan

**VIDEO:** Twice in one week, U.S. Border Patrol agents on the Confined Space Entry Team, or CSET, were called to search storm drains in El Paso, Texas, for illegal immigrants trying to get away right under their feet. Smugglers, unconcerned about the safety of those crossing into the U.S., put immigrants into the drains as a way to avoid detection and escape arrest. "To them they're just money. So they just let them in and if they get out, good, if not, it doesn't really make a difference to them," said Supervisory Border Patrol Agent Nick Veliz. "We've had people go in and actually come all the way back out because they got lost and didn't know what to do." Border Patrol's CSET team was called twice recently to search drains near the U.S.-Mexico border, close to downtown El Paso. On Monday, October 30, agents rescued a woman who broke her ankle in the drain. The agent who made the rescue put the immigrant on his back and carried her out of the drain. The hours-long search and rescue was a joint operation between the Border Patrol and El Paso Fire Department.

“It’s good to work jointly with people,” said Agent Eric Lerch who took part in the rescue. “I always practice for the worst-case scenario.” On Wednesday November 2, CSET searched drains in west El Paso after an agent caught four immigrants climbing out. The agents went in to make sure no immigrants were left behind — they didn’t find anyone.

## NEWS INDEX

### BORDER SECURITY

#### *Along U.S. Borders*

#### **4. Tucson Border Patrol arrest three undocumented convicted felons**

(KYMA-TV; 20k uvm; Yuma, AZ) ... Crystal Bedoya

Border Patrol agents from the Tucson Sector arrested three undocumented convicted felons as they attempted to illegally enter the United States in separate incidents over the weekend. Agents stationed in Naco, Ariz. arrested 37-year-old Santana Conde-Recio after illegally entering the country on Saturday. After being processed, it was revealed that Conde, a Mexican national, was convicted in 2001 of felony reckless vehicular homicide in Charleston County, VA. Nogales Station agents arrested two men on Sunday on separate occasions and discovered during processing that both had been convicted of criminal sex acts. Agents first arrested Juan Carlos Perez-Suchite, a 43-year-old Guatemalan national who was convicted in 2000 for felony lewd or lascivious acts with a child in Long Beach, Calif. Later in the evening, agents arrested Adrian Oliva-Flores, a 43-year-old Honduran national who was convicted in 2007 of felony aggravated sexual battery in Virginia. All three men are currently in federal custody awaiting a disposition on felony criminal immigration violations.

#### **5. Mexico’s southern border and the immigration consequences**

(Global Risk Insights) ... Samuel Schofield

For decades the US experienced high volumes of illegal immigration from Mexico, largely due to economic hardship in Mexico and inadequate and inconsistent enforcement by the US. However, in recent years the net immigration from Mexico to the US has all but disappeared, and more Mexicans are in fact migrating within Mexico. This trend began well before President Trump came to office. Some of the changes stem from an improving economy and job market in Mexico, as well as improved border enforcement by both Mexico and the US. In the past year, undoubtedly, some have also been deterred by Trump’s threats of increased deportations. The largest source of illegal immigration at the US southern border now comes from Central American immigrants, specifically from the Golden Triangle, or Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador. These countries have not witnessed the same degree of economic growth as Mexico and high levels of corruption, poverty, and exposure to drug-related violence induce many to leave. When it comes to drugs, Mexican drug cartels remain the largest foreign suppliers of heroin, and methamphetamines to the US, according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Mexican cartels have also become leading producers of

Fentanyl, a powerful synthetic. Cocaine largely originates from Bolivia, Colombia, and Peru, but the DEA estimates that 93-94% of Colombian cocaine comes to the US via the Mexico/Central America land corridor. Recognizing the threats posed from Central America, in recent years, the US and Mexico have enacted joint efforts to strengthen enforcement of both the US and Mexico southern borders... The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL) has implemented programs with the CBP and ICE to strengthen law enforcement institutions and train Mexican police and military units to improve drug seizures in the southern border zone.

**6. I-85 drug bust hauls in weed valued at \$1.6 million**

(LaFayette Sun; LaFayette, AL) ... Alton Mitchell

A simple traffic stop along Interstate 85 in a neighboring county Thursday evening turned into a massive drug bust and pulled more than a million dollars in high grade marijuana off the streets before it could ever make it. According to a press release from the Troup County Sheriff's Office, a tractor trailer was stopped around 8:45 p.m. Thursday night along Interstate 85 after a deputy observed the truck bypass a weight station near mile marker 23. When the deputy initiated the stop on the truck a search was performed on the vehicle. The search by law enforcement yielded more than 150 pounds of high-grade marijuana. According to the Troup County Sheriff's Department the marijuana has a street value of \$1.6 million dollars. Police took the driver Amaury Izquierdo Mansito, 38, and a passenger Marco Alfaro, 50-years-old into custody. Both men were charged with trafficking marijuana. In addition, Mansito was also charged with failure to maintain lane, failure to obey a traffic control device, and driving with an expired license. Troup County authorities reached out to several other agencies about the drug bust to include CBP, and Homeland Security for assistance in the large drug bust.

*Ports of Entry*

**7. 1,300 pounds of marijuana from Mexico seized in South Texas**

(KTVT; 26.9M uvm; Dallas, TX)

**VIDEO:** U.S. customs officials seized 1,300 of marijuana coming from Mexico, through Texas, and headed for St. Louis at the Del Rio port of entry. CBP officers announced Monday that a 1,300 pound stash of marijuana was found last week hidden inside a commercial trailer bound for St. Louis, Missouri. Officials say the contraband was detected by drug dogs and non-intrusive imaging equipment inside a shipment of silica sand as it arrived from Mexico. "Smugglers go to great lengths to get their illicit products into the U.S.," said port director Alberto d. Perez, Del Rio port of entry. "the training, experience and dedication of our frontline CBP officers has prevented yet another load of contraband from reaching our communities."

**8. Border Patrol agents arrest 21-year-old Peñitas man accused of smuggling immigrants**

(KGBT-TV; 298k uvm; Harlingen, TX)

Border Patrol arrested a Peñitas man last week after an agent caught him attempting to pick up immigrants near Los Ebanos, according to the federal criminal complaint against him. Jose Heriberto Zuniga, 21, of Peñitas drove a black Chevrolet Cobalt through Los Ebanos on Nov. 7 "looking side to side as if he was searching for someone," according to the criminal complaint. Zuniga's behavior caught the attention of a Border Patrol agent. "The agent drove towards Zuniga's location, and Zuniga began to drive away," according to the criminal complaint. "As Zuniga began to drive away, three subjects were observed jumping a chain link fence from an abandoned property. The Cobalt then came to a stop and the three subjects boarded the Cobalt." The passengers, though, didn't stay long. When the car stopped, they jumped out and started running away.

Zuniga kept driving north. Border Patrol agents stopped him near the intersection of Paloma Street and U.S. 83 in Sullivan City. Agents also tracked down and detained all three passengers, who weren't legally present in the United States. Zuniga is charged with bringing in and harboring aliens.

## **BORDER WALL**

### **9. First on CNN: Trump admin taking quiet steps on seizing border land, report says**

(CNN; 29.8M uvm) ...Tal Kopan

**VIDEO:** Although approval for a new border wall has yet to come, the Trump administration has taken subtle steps to be able to seize land to build one, including by restarting litigation that has laid dormant for years against landowners, according to a new report from Senate Democrats. Roughly two-thirds of the US-Mexico border runs through private or state-owned lands, meaning the federal government would need to purchase, seize or seek permission to use land in order to build a border wall. Based on efforts a decade ago to build border fencing, that process is likely to cost the government millions and could take years of complex litigation. And it appears the administration is gearing up for it. In July, CBP issued a notice related to a project to shore up existing fencing the Rio Grande Valley, which also foreshadowed more to come. "Using existing funds for preparatory activities, CBP and (US Army Corps of Engineers) will soon begin public-facing real estate research activities for (Rio Grande Valley) border wall requirements in the President's FY 2018 budget," the notice said, citing in-person research on property records at courthouses. Asked about the notice, Carlos Diaz, a spokesman for CBP, said the research included soil-sampling activities and pointed CNN to congressional testimony from CBP leadership that spoke generally about prioritizing efforts on the Southwest border, including to "leverage expertise in federal acquisition."

### **10. Trump Government will take private land to build Border Wall, but won't provide any details**

(Newsweek; 9.4M uvm) ... Harriet Sinclair

**VIDEO:** Donald Trump's administration has failed to give a clear indication as to how much the land acquisition for the long-promised U.S. Mexico border wall will actually cost, a report claims. According to a report released on Monday by Democratic staff of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, the administration has not provided the committee with any "definitive real estate costs or requirements."

In addition, the report claims Trump's administration has not outlined how many U.S. citizen landowners will be affected by construction of the barrier, nor a timeline or costs for land seizure. "Despite the Administration's request for an initial down payment of \$1.6 billion to pay for 74 miles of wall construction and replacement fencing in Fiscal Year (FY) 2018, the Administration cannot provide the Committee with any definitive real estate costs or requirements, cannot tell the Committee how many American citizens will have their land seized, and has no timeline for completing land acquisition efforts necessary to build the wall that President Trump has ordered," a release on the report stated. "During a briefing to Committee staff, a CBP official said that land acquisition posed an ongoing challenge and that title research may 'never be finalized,'" it added.

#### **11. Border Report: The Wall Protests Are Happening, Just Not at the Border**

(Voice of San Diego; 146k uvm; San Diego, CA) ... Maya Srikrishnan

Protests over the border wall prototypes that recently went up in otay mesa never materialized, but that doesn't mean everyone in the region is fine with the exercise. Throughout the county, artwork is expressing anger and defiance over the wall. An artist from UCSD made a short film spoofing the border wall, reports CityBeat. The artist, Andrew Sturm, created a parody in which an international news outlet sends a reporter to interview an entrepreneur on his new business venture: manufacturing ladders with ropes attached. The ladders, the entrepreneur says, are for Americans fleeing south. An interactive art installation at Liberty Station Oct. 30 and 31 gave San Diegans the opportunity to show their solidarity with Dreamers, those who were brought to the U.S. illegally when they were children, in the face of the Trump administration's decision to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program in September, reports the Union-Tribune. The San Diego Art Institute also has a border-themed exhibition: Mano a Mano. Starting at the opposite ends of a 16-foot wall, two artists – Hugo Crosthwaite and Jose Hugo Sanchez – mimicked boxing matches over five days by performing several rounds of "battle" as they painted their way to the middle of the mural – a discourse on migration and the U.S.-Mexico border region.

## **TRADE**

#### **12. NAFTA struck El Paso hard, an exit by Trump could hurt more**

(Reuters; 43.6M uvm) ... Ann Saphir

**VIDEO:** The jeans Estela Ortiz wears to work on casual Fridays are a last vestige of the job she held for 24 years at Levi Strauss, one of El Paso's top employers before

the North American Free Trade Agreement clobbered the town's textile industry. The 1994 trade pact helped eliminate the jobs of Ortiz and thousands of others in the West Texas border town, as manufacturing plants in the area left for Mexico and elsewhere, and firms boosted imports. But Ortiz, like many others in El Paso, has come to terms with the changes. Now, as the administration of President Donald Trump, a Republican, works to renegotiate or scrap the trade deal, what worries many is what kind of economic havoc eliminating NAFTA could bring.

## TRAVEL

### **13. EFF says TSA facial recognition proposal part of dangerous overreach**

(BiometricUpdate; 150k uvm) ... Chris Burt

The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) has issued a "call to action" over a proposal by the U.S. Transportation Safety Authority (TSA) to collect facial images and iris scans under the PreCheck application program, which the EFF says paves the way for "a massive violation of privacy" by the Department of Homeland Security. The latest proposal... looks to expand the biometrics collected under it to include facial images and iris scans. "The regular collection of biometrics, such as facial images, will provide TSA with the ability to use those biometrics for identity verification at TSA checkpoints, potentially eliminating the need to show identity documents and improving both security and the customer experience," the proposal states. The EFF points out that facial recognition technology has been used in pilot projects by CBP at airports and land borders over the past two years, and that CBP stated in Privacy Impact Assessments that U.S. citizens' data would be deleted. That practice has changed, EFF says, with CBP expanding the biometric screening process to include U.S. citizens without authorization from congress, and the latest proposal includes retaining their facial images for two weeks, and their travel information for 15 years. The EFF alleges that the programs, taken together, constitute an effort by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to expand its biometric data collection and use far beyond the 5 million Americans registered for pre-check through its sub-agencies.

## WORKFORCE

### **14. The reluctant pioneer: Border Patrol's first female chief**

(Politico; 24M uvm)

As Border Patrol Chief Carla Provost tells it, there is "no difference between female agents, male agents — we're all Border Patrol agents." Provost, the agency's first female head, sat down with Women Rule to discuss her history-making career, the Border Patrol's vast gender gap, and why it matters to have more women in their ranks. Journalist Amanda Ripley interviewed Provost at her Washington, D.C., office this fall.

## **15. Federal law enforcement has a woman problem**

(Politico; 24M uvm) ... Amanda Ripley

Despite expanding rapidly over the past two decades, federal law enforcement agencies remain almost as male-dominated as they were during the Clinton administration, according to a new POLITICO survey — the first to assess the gender gap in federal law enforcement in nearly a decade. In 1996, women held about 14 percent of the country's federal law enforcement jobs; today, women represent just 15 percent. At this rate, it will be 700 years before women hold half of these jobs... The lowest ratio of all belongs to the Border Patrol. Just 5 percent of its agents are female...Somewhat surprisingly, given the agency's paltry percentage of female agents, the Border Patrol's newest acting chief is a woman — for the first time in the agency's 93-year history. Carla Provost is a veteran agent who commands respect up and down the ranks, and has vowed to do better. "There's more we can do to recruit women," she told POLITICO in an interview in her office in Washington this fall. "The more women, the more African-Americans, the more different groups — it just makes us better." Agents who don't fit the stereotype can defuse tense situations, she says. "There's a different approach when a female agent comes onto the scene," Provost says. "I experienced this myself. In stressful situations, sometimes it's a calming effect." But the agency's history suggests change will be difficult. When Provost started as a new agent 22 years ago, the Border Patrol had 5 percent women—the same ratio it has today.

## **16. GAO looks at Border Patrol deployment of agents in Southwest**

(Homeland Preparedness News; 16k uvm) ... Dave Kovaleski

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## **OPINION**

### **17. Our View: Arizona. Ports. Need. More. Staffing. Must we shout it?**

(Arizona Republic; 10.8M uvm; Phoenix, AZ)

**VIDEO:** Arizona isn't to blame for the circumstances that led a family-owned store to close after six decades. But Arizona has an economic interest in shifting the national rhetoric to keep more stores from closing. Our state should lead a national discussion about the value of well staffed ports of entry. Consider that Bracker's Department Store in Nogales thrived in its current location a block north of the U.S.-Mexico border since 1954. Like many businesses there, it relied on a steady stream of shoppers from Mexico, who cross legally at the port of entry, buy things and go home. But recent U.S. policies led to longer wait times and fewer shoppers from across the border.

This matters to the entire state. A 2008 study done by the University of Arizona's Eller College of Management for the Arizona Office of Tourism found Mexican shoppers spent \$2.69 billion a year in Arizona. Shopping malls in Phoenix and Tucson were destinations, so the cash got spread north of the borderlands. This study remains an eye-opener for those who see the border solely as something to fear. Current information would help our state's leadership and congressional delegation make the economic case for maintaining well staffed, modern ports of entry. That is an important argument to articulate as the nation ponders spending limited resources on walls and more Border Patrol agents. The agency was short 3,811 officers in 2013, when Congress approved hiring 2,000 more CBP officers. As of August, there were still 1,400 vacancies.

## **IMMIGRATION**

### **18. Appeals Court Partly Reinstates Trump's New Travel Ban**

(New York Times; 29.9M uvm) ... Miriam Jordan

A federal appeals court in California on Monday allowed President Trump's latest travel restrictions to partly take effect, ruling that the government can bar entry to people who come from six majority-Muslim countries and who lack ties to the United States, thus handing the administration a momentary victory. In a two-paragraph order, a panel of three judges from the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in San Francisco ruled on the administration's request to block a lower court's decision, from a federal judge in Hawaii, that prevented the latest travel policy from being implemented.

The appeals panel on Monday upheld that ruling for people with a "bona fide relationship" with close family or an entity in the United States, like a university or company. But the court blocked the lower court's decision for people from the six countries without such ties, meaning they can now be kept from entering the United States. The restrictions will apply to travelers from Chad, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Syria and Yemen. The latest ban also blocks travel by certain Venezuelan government officials and most North Koreans; courts have not stopped the administration from enacting the restrictions on those countries.

### **19. Trump Administration Detaining DACA Recipient With Disability**

(HuffPost; 22.9M uvm) ... Elise Foley

A 20-year-old undocumented immigrant with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status has been in ICE detention for a month, despite President Donald Trump's promises not to go after young people with DACA protections, an advocate for the young man said on Monday. Felipe Abonza-Lopez and his advocates say he was picked up in spite of a clean criminal record when he was riding in a car with undocumented family members. CBP confirmed arresting a DACA recipient, and said it was "in the course of a human smuggling investigation." The recipient's "status will be reviewed at an immigration hearing," Border Patrol Chief Patrol Agent Felix Chavez said in a statement. Amy Fischer, the policy director of RAICES, which is assisting with Abonza-Lopez's case, said he was not smuggling and has not been charged with anything. "If CBP is trying to criminalize DACA recipients with mixed status families for driving in a car with their undocumented family members, that is wholly unjust," she said in an email. "We know that ICE will try to detain and deport people who have DACA so long as no one is paying attention to it," Fischer said. CBP said in a statement that the Uvalde County Sheriff's Office asked Border Patrol for assistance after a citizen reported a suspicious vehicle on Oct. 12. The people in the car were then picked up by Border Patrol and later transferred to Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Agents determined that two people in the car had been previously deported and reinstated their orders of removal. They charged an additional person with illegal entry. The other two individuals included a DACA recipient — presumably, Abonza-Lopez.

## **20. Privately owned detention centers turning immigrants into ATM machines**

(Flagler College Gargoyle) ... Katherine Lewin

The Obama administration ended the so-called "wet foot, dry foot" policy in January 2017. This part of the Cuban Adjustment Act allowed Cubans without visas to stay in the United States and begin the citizenship process once their feet touched dry land. The looming possibility of the end of "wet foot, dry foot" created a renewed surge of Cubans trying to enter the U.S. in 2016. This meant that many Cubans were on their way to America, either in border towns in Mexico or stranded in countries like Colombia and Brazil, when former President Obama ended the policy. Changing the Cuban Adjustment Act was meant to reflect the normalizing relationship between the U.S. and Cuba after decades of tension and sanctions against the communist Caribbean country. But instead of fostering peace and a safer immigration experience, ending the policy may have generated mass confusion in the Cuban immigrant communities and created a steady new human revenue stream for privately owned detention centers to legally exploit. Combine this with President Trump's plan to increase the number of immigrants detained on any given day from 40,000 to 80,000 people, and the private prison corporations in America stand to double their daily revenue to around \$12 million. For Geo Group and CoreCivic, two corporations that own nearly all of the private detention centers in the United States, taking advantage of the political plight of Cubans fleeing their country might just seem like good business sense.

## DHS NEWS

### **21. Five Times Trump's DHS Nominee Nielsen Nixed POTUS Principles on Immigration**

(Breitbart; 19.1M uvm) ... John Binder

**VIDEO:** Breitbart News has compiled the five times in which Kirstjen Nielsen, a former official under President George W. Bush, has been out-of-line with Trump's Buy "Buy American, Hire American" policies and immigration principles. Nielsen's most controversial statements on immigration have revolved around her open support for amnesty for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) illegal aliens...Nielsen's testimony and answers during her hearing did not make any declaration of support — or even any reference to — Trump's detailed 70-point list of immigration principles which were announced on October 8...In the face of Democratic hostility, Nielsen actually downplayed the importance of the wall. Trump's immigration agenda has emphasized putting the U.S. economy and needs of Americans first. But when answering a question about how to deter illegal immigration, Nielsen said she wanted to improve the economies of foreign nations which send their illegal aliens to the United States, even as she declined to talk about more direct countermeasures, such as the construction of a border wall and the enforcement of sanctions against employers who hire illegals. "We have to increase the prosperity there," Nielsen said of foreign countries.

## OF INTEREST

### **22. The border as a 'weaponized' landscape**

(High Country News; 505k uvm; Paonia, CO) ... Katherine E. Standefer

Border Patrol agent-turned-author Francisco Cantú examines his experiences. Cantú is the author of *The Line Becomes A River*, forthcoming this February from Riverhead Books. The book is a beautiful and brutal chronicle of the four years he spent working as a Border Patrol agent, and the years afterward, in which an immigrant friend, José, is deported to Mexico, and Cantú finds himself navigating border policy from the other end. The book — his first — is already generating buzz; this year Cantú has received a Whiting Award in Nonfiction and a Pushcart Prize, and a section of the book recently aired on *This American Life*.

## SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYSIS

## OF NOTE

- The top URL, the most retweeted post, and the top hashtag all sustained from the previous period on the story of Ella, a Ugandan asylum seeker, who was allegedly detained, denied the ability to speak to her lawyer, and ultimately deported by CBP.
- The @CustomsBorder Twitter account received notable engagement during the period. The tweet to receive the highest engagement commented despite outdoor conditions CBP will be there to secure the nation's borders. The post was retweeted 65 times, liked by 236, and received 24 replies to date with

1.8M impressions. The tweet was not the only post by the account to receive significant attention; report of Laredo sector Border Patrol agents' cocaine bust received 38 retweets, 78 likes, and 6 replies to date with 300k potential impressions.

- The Twitter conversation revolving around DHS Nominee Kirstjen Nielsen has increased in volume from the previous period. A notable tweet posted by FAIR (@FAIRImmigration) shared an article titled, "On Eve of Committee Vote, Kirstjen Nielsen's Commitment to the Trump Immigration Agenda Remains Questionable, Cautions FAIR". The tweet garnered 49 retweets, 66 likes, and 13 replies.

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The *Washington Post* reported a Senate panel will vote on Kirstjen Nielsen's nomination for DHS Secretary Tuesday. If approved by the Senate panel, the next step in the process would be a full Senate confirmation vote in the following weeks. The confirmation process has also been reported on by top tier media outlet *Breitbart*, and the *Washington Post* article was shared by smaller media outlets *Laredo Morning Times* and *Aviation News*.
- The *Laredo Morning Times* reported that CBP officers seized over 400 pounds of cocaine at the World Trade Bridge. "This seizure demonstrates a great example of teamwork from our CBP officers," Laredo Port Director Albert Flores said. "I commend our officers for their hard work, dedication and commitment to the CBP mission." The bust was not widely reported in the period.
- *Fox News* reported Border Patrol agents on the Confined Space Entry Team (CSET) were called to El Paso twice in one week to search the storm drains for illegal immigrants. While dangerous, it is not uncommon to find illegal immigrants who have been left in storm drains by smugglers. According to Supervisory Border Patrol Agent Nick Veliz the smugglers do not care about the dangers because "To them they're just money. So they just let them in and if they get out, good, if not, it doesn't really make a difference to them." This storyline was not widely reported in the period.

### TOP NEWS

#### 1. Kirstjen Nielsen, Trump's Homeland Security nominee, faces Senate panel vote

(Washington Post; 43.9M uvm) ... Nick Miroff

A Senate panel is scheduled to vote Tuesday on the nomination of President Trump's pick to lead the Department of Homeland Security, Kirstjen Nielsen, despite a push from Democrats to hold additional hearings. Five Democrats on the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee wrote a letter last week to the panel's chairman, Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), urging him to bring Nielsen back for more questioning. They cited a report in *The Washington Post* describing efforts by top White House officials to pressure the acting DHS secretary, Elaine Duke, over an immigration decision. The report also detailed Duke's plans to resign. Johnson has not formally responded to the Democrats' letter, but his decision to schedule a vote for Tuesday morning indicates the panel's Republican majority wants to proceed with her



nomination. If Nielsen is approved Tuesday, it would set the stage for a full Senate confirmation vote in the coming weeks.

**2. Over \$3.2 million of cocaine found in paper towels, rolls at World Trade Bridge**

(Laredo Morning Times; 71k uvm; Laredo, TX) ... Jordan Ray

Over 400 pounds of cocaine were found in a commercial shipment of paper towels and rolls at the World Trade Bridge in Laredo, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection said late last week. The seizure occurred Monday when a CBP officer referred a tractor trailer hauling a commercial shipment of paper towels and rolls for inspection. CBP officers discovered 159 packages allegedly containing 424 pounds of alleged cocaine hidden within the shipment. The cocaine has an estimated street value of \$3,270,800. CBP officers then seized the drugs before turning the case over to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement-Homeland Security Investigations special agents for further investigation. "This seizure demonstrates a great example of teamwork from our CBP officers," Laredo Port Director Albert Flores said. "I commend our officers for their hard work, dedication and commitment to the CBP mission."

**3. Border Patrol rescues illegal immigrants stuck in storm drains underground**

(Fox News; 32.5M uvm) ...Ray Bogan

**VIDEO:** Twice in one week, U.S. Border Patrol agents on the Confined Space Entry Team, or CSET, were called to search storm drains in El Paso, Texas, for illegal immigrants trying to get away right under their feet. Smugglers, unconcerned about the safety of those crossing into the U.S., put immigrants into the drains as a way to avoid detection and escape arrest. "To them they're just money. So they just let them in and if they get out, good, if not, it doesn't really make a difference to them," said Supervisory Border Patrol Agent Nick Veliz. "We've had people go in and actually come all the way back out because they got lost and didn't know what to do." Border Patrol's CSET team was called twice recently to search drains near the U.S.–Mexico border, close to downtown El Paso. On Monday, October 30, agents rescued a woman who broke her ankle in the drain. The agent who made the rescue put the immigrant on his back and carried her out of the drain. The hours-long search and rescue was a joint operation between the Border Patrol and El Paso Fire Department. "It's good to work jointly with people," said Agent Eric Lerch who took part in the rescue. "I always practice for the worst-case scenario." On Wednesday November 2, CSET searched drains in west El Paso after an agent caught four immigrants climbing out. The agents went in to make sure no immigrants were left behind — they didn't find anyone.

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### BORDER SECURITY

*Along U.S. Borders*



**4. Tucson Border Patrol arrest three undocumented convicted felons**  
(KYMA-TV; 20k uvm; Yuma, AZ) ... Crystal Bedoya

Border Patrol agents from the Tucson Sector arrested three undocumented convicted felons as they attempted to illegally enter the United States in separate incidents over the weekend. Agents stationed in Naco, Ariz. arrested 37-year-old Santana Conde-Recio after illegally entering the country on Saturday. After being processed, it was revealed that Conde, a Mexican national, was convicted in 2001 of felony reckless vehicular homicide in Charleston County, VA. Nogales Station agents arrested two men on Sunday on separate occasions and discovered during processing that both had been convicted of criminal sex acts. Agents first arrested Juan Carlos Perez-Suchite, a 43-year-old Guatemalan national who was convicted in 2000 for felony lewd or lascivious acts with a child in Long Beach, Calif. Later in the evening, agents arrested Adrian Oliva-Flores, a 43-year-old Honduran national who was convicted in 2007 of felony aggravated sexual battery in Virginia. All three men are currently in federal custody awaiting a disposition on felony criminal immigration violations.

**5. Mexico's southern border and the immigration consequences**  
(Global Risk Insights) ... Samuel Schofield

For decades the US experienced high volumes of illegal immigration from Mexico, largely due to economic hardship in Mexico and inadequate and inconsistent enforcement by the US. However, in recent years the net immigration from Mexico to the US has all but disappeared, and more Mexicans are in fact migrating within Mexico. This trend began well before President Trump came to office. Some of the changes stem from an improving economy and job market in Mexico, as well as improved border enforcement by both Mexico and the US. In the past year, undoubtedly, some have also been deterred by Trump's threats of increased deportations. The largest source of illegal immigration at the US southern border now comes from Central American immigrants, specifically from the Golden Triangle, or Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador. These countries have not witnessed the same degree of economic growth as Mexico and high levels of corruption, poverty, and exposure to drug-related violence induce many to leave. When it comes to drugs, Mexican drug cartels remain the largest foreign suppliers of heroin, and methamphetamines to the US, according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Mexican cartels have also become leading producers of Fentanyl, a powerful synthetic. Cocaine largely originates from Bolivia, Colombia, and Peru, but the DEA estimates that 93-94% of Colombian cocaine comes to the US via the Mexico/Central America land corridor. Recognizing the threats posed from Central America, in recent years, the US and Mexico have enacted joint efforts to strengthen enforcement of both the US and Mexico southern borders... The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL) has implemented programs with the CBP and ICE to strengthen law enforcement institutions and train Mexican police and military units to improve drug seizures in the southern border zone.

**6. I-85 drug bust hauls in weed valued at \$1.6 million**



(LaFayette Sun; LaFayette, AL) ... Alton Mitchell

A simple traffic stop along Interstate 85 in a neighboring county Thursday evening turned into a massive drug bust and pulled more than a million dollars in high grade marijuana off the streets before it could ever make it. According to a press release from the Troup County Sheriff's Office, a tractor trailer was stopped around 8:45 p.m. Thursday night along Interstate 85 after a deputy observed the truck bypass a weight station near mile marker 23. When the deputy initiated the stop on the truck a search was performed on the vehicle. The search by law enforcement yielded more than 150 pounds of high-grade marijuana. According to the Troup County Sheriff's Department the marijuana has a street value of \$1.6 million dollars. Police took the driver Amaury Izquierdo Mansito, 38, and a passenger Marco Alfaro, 50-years-old into custody. Both men were charged with trafficking marijuana. In addition, Mansito was also charged with failure to maintain lane, failure to obey a traffic control device, and driving with an expired license. Troup County authorities reached out to several other agencies about the drug bust to include CBP, and Homeland Security for assistance in the large drug bust.

#### *Ports of Entry*

#### **7. 1,300 pounds of marijuana from Mexico seized in South Texas**

(KTVT; 26.9M uvm; Dallas, TX)

**VIDEO:** U.S. customs officials seized 1,300 of marijuana coming from Mexico, through Texas, and headed for St. Louis at the Del Rio port of entry. CBP officers announced Monday that a 1,300 pound stash of marijuana was found last week hidden inside a commercial trailer bound for St. Louis, Missouri. Officials say the contraband was detected by drug dogs and non-intrusive imaging equipment inside a shipment of silica sand as it arrived from Mexico. "Smugglers go to great lengths to get their illicit products into the U.S.," said port director Alberto d. Perez, Del Rio port of entry. "the training, experience and dedication of our frontline CBP officers has prevented yet another load of contraband from reaching our communities."

#### **8. Border Patrol agents arrest 21-year-old Peñitas man accused of smuggling immigrants**

(KGBT-TV; 298k uvm; Harlingen, TX)

Border Patrol arrested a Peñitas man last week after an agent caught him attempting to pick up immigrants near Los Ebanos, according to the federal criminal complaint against him. Jose Heriberto Zuniga, 21, of Peñitas drove a black Chevrolet Cobalt through Los Ebanos on Nov. 7 "looking side to side as if he was searching for someone," according to the criminal complaint. Zuniga's behavior caught the attention of a Border Patrol agent. "The agent drove towards Zuniga's location, and Zuniga began to drive away," according to the criminal complaint. "As Zuniga began to drive away, three subjects were observed jumping a chain link fence from an abandoned property. The Cobalt then came to a stop and the three subjects boarded the Cobalt." The passengers, though, didn't stay long. When the car stopped, they jumped out and started running away.



Zuniga kept driving north. Border Patrol agents stopped him near the intersection of Paloma Street and U.S. 83 in Sullivan City. Agents also tracked down and detained all three passengers, who weren't legally present in the United States. Zuniga is charged with bringing in and harboring aliens.

## **BORDER WALL**

### **9. First on CNN: Trump admin taking quiet steps on seizing border land, report says**

(CNN; 29.8M uvm) ...Tal Kopan

**VIDEO:** Although approval for a new border wall has yet to come, the Trump administration has taken subtle steps to be able to seize land to build one, including by restarting litigation that has laid dormant for years against landowners, according to a new report from Senate Democrats. Roughly two-thirds of the US-Mexico border runs through private or state-owned lands, meaning the federal government would need to purchase, seize or seek permission to use land in order to build a border wall. Based on efforts a decade ago to build border fencing, that process is likely to cost the government millions and could take years of complex litigation. And it appears the administration is gearing up for it. In July, CBP issued a notice related to a project to shore up existing fencing the Rio Grande Valley, which also foreshadowed more to come. "Using existing funds for preparatory activities, CBP and (US Army Corps of Engineers) will soon begin public-facing real estate research activities for (Rio Grande Valley) border wall requirements in the President's FY 2018 budget," the notice said, citing in-person research on property records at courthouses. Asked about the notice, Carlos Diaz, a spokesman for CBP, said the research included soil-sampling activities and pointed CNN to congressional testimony from CBP leadership that spoke generally about prioritizing efforts on the Southwest border, including to "leverage expertise in federal acquisition."

### **10. Trump Government will take private land to build Border Wall, but won't provide any details**

(Newsweek; 9.4M uvm) ... Harriet Sinclair

**VIDEO:** Donald Trump's administration has failed to give a clear indication as to how much the land acquisition for the long-promised U.S. Mexico border wall will actually cost, a report claims. According to a report released on Monday by Democratic staff of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, the administration has not provided the committee with any "definitive real estate costs or requirements." In addition, the report claims Trump's administration has not outlined how many U.S. citizen landowners will be affected by construction of the barrier, nor a timeline or costs for land seizure. "Despite the Administration's request for an initial down payment of \$1.6 billion to pay for 74 miles of wall construction and replacement fencing in Fiscal Year (FY) 2018, the Administration cannot provide the Committee with any definitive real estate costs or requirements, cannot tell the Committee how many American citizens will have their land seized, and has no timeline for completing land acquisition efforts necessary to build the wall that President Trump has ordered," a release on the



report stated. “During a briefing to Committee staff, a CBP official said that land acquisition posed an ongoing challenge and that title research may ‘never be finalized,’” it added.

### **11. Border Report: The Wall Protests Are Happening, Just Not at the Border**

(Voice of San Diego; 146k uvm; San Diego, CA) ... Maya Srikrishnan

Protests over the border wall prototypes that recently went up in otay mesa never materialized, but that doesn't mean everyone in the region is fine with the exercise. Throughout the county, artwork is expressing anger and defiance over the wall. An artist from UCSD made a short film spoofing the border wall, reports CityBeat. The artist, Andrew Sturm, created a parody in which an international news outlet sends a reporter to interview an entrepreneur on his new business venture: manufacturing ladders with ropes attached. The ladders, the entrepreneur says, are for Americans fleeing south. An interactive art installation at Liberty Station Oct. 30 and 31 gave San Diegans the opportunity to show their solidarity with Dreamers, those who were brought to the U.S. illegally when they were children, in the face of the Trump administration's decision to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program in September, reports the Union-Tribune. The San Diego Art Institute also has a border-themed exhibition: Mano a Mano. Starting at the opposite ends of a 16-foot wall, two artists – Hugo Crosthwaite and Jose Hugo Sanchez – mimicked boxing matches over five days by performing several rounds of “battle” as they painted their way to the middle of the mural – a discourse on migration and the U.S.-Mexico border region.

## **TRADE**

### **12. NAFTA struck El Paso hard, an exit by Trump could hurt more**

(Reuters; 43.6M uvm) ... Ann Saphir

**VIDEO:** The jeans Estela Ortiz wears to work on casual Fridays are a last vestige of the job she held for 24 years at Levi Strauss, one of El Paso's top employers before the North American Free Trade Agreement clobbered the town's textile industry. The 1994 trade pact helped eliminate the jobs of Ortiz and thousands of others in the West Texas border town, as manufacturing plants in the area left for Mexico and elsewhere, and firms boosted imports. But Ortiz, like many others in El Paso, has come to terms with the changes. Now, as the administration of President Donald Trump, a Republican, works to renegotiate or scrap the trade deal, what worries many is what kind of economic havoc eliminating NAFTA could bring.

## **TRAVEL**

### **13. EFF says TSA facial recognition proposal part of dangerous overreach**

(BiometricUpdate; 150k uvm) ... Chris Burt

The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) has issued a “call to action” over a proposal by the U.S. Transportation Safety Authority (TSA) to collect facial images and iris scans under the PreCheck application program, which the EFF says paves the way for “a



massive violation of privacy” by the Department of Homeland Security. The latest proposal... looks to expand the biometrics collected under it to include facial images and iris scans. “The regular collection of biometrics, such as facial images, will provide TSA with the ability to use those biometrics for identity verification at TSA checkpoints, potentially eliminating the need to show identity documents and improving both security and the customer experience,” the proposal states. The EFF points out that facial recognition technology has been used in pilot projects by CBP at airports and land borders over the past two years, and that CBP stated in Privacy Impact Assessments that U.S. citizens’ data would be deleted. That practice has changed, EFF says, with CBP expanding the biometric screening process to include U.S. citizens without authorization from Congress, and the latest proposal includes retaining their facial images for two weeks, and their travel information for 15 years. The EFF alleges that the programs, taken together, constitute an effort by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to expand its biometric data collection and use far beyond the 5 million Americans registered for pre-check through its sub-agencies.

## WORKFORCE

### **14. The reluctant pioneer: Border Patrol’s first female chief**

(Politico; 24M uvm)

As Border Patrol Chief Carla Provost tells it, there is “no difference between female agents, male agents — we’re all Border Patrol agents.” Provost, the agency’s first female head, sat down with Women Rule to discuss her history-making career, the Border Patrol’s vast gender gap, and why it matters to have more women in their ranks. Journalist Amanda Ripley interviewed Provost at her Washington, D.C., office this fall.

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(Politico; 24M uvm) ... Amanda Ripley

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(Homeland Preparedness News; 16k uvm) ... Dave Kovaleski

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(Arizona Republic; 10.8M uvm; Phoenix, AZ)

**VIDEO:** Arizona isn't to blame for the circumstances that led a family-owned store to close after six decades. But Arizona has an economic interest in shifting the national rhetoric to keep more stores from closing. Our state should lead a national discussion about the value of well staffed ports of entry. Consider that Bracker's Department Store in Nogales thrived in its current location a block north of the U.S.-Mexico border since 1954. Like many businesses there, it relied on a steady stream of shoppers from Mexico, who cross legally at the port of entry, buy things and go home. But recent U.S. policies led to longer wait times and fewer shoppers from across the border.

This matters to the entire state. A 2008 study done by the University of Arizona's Eller College of Management for the Arizona Office of Tourism found Mexican shoppers spent \$2.69 billion a year in Arizona. Shopping malls in Phoenix and Tucson were destinations, so the cash got spread north of the borderlands. This study remains an eye-opener for those who see the border solely as something to fear. Current information would help our state's leadership and congressional delegation make the economic case for maintaining well staffed, modern ports of entry. That is an important argument to articulate as the nation ponders spending limited resources on walls and more Border Patrol agents. The agency was short 3,811 officers in 2013, when Congress approved hiring 2,000 more CBP officers. As of August, there were still 1,400 vacancies.

### **IMMIGRATION**



### **18. Appeals Court Partly Reinstates Trump's New Travel Ban**

(New York Times; 29.9M uvm) ... Miriam Jordan

A federal appeals court in California on Monday allowed President Trump's latest travel restrictions to partly take effect, ruling that the government can bar entry to people who come from six majority-Muslim countries and who lack ties to the United States, thus handing the administration a momentary victory. In a two-paragraph order, a panel of three judges from the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in San Francisco ruled on the administration's request to block a lower court's decision, from a federal judge in Hawaii, that prevented the latest travel policy from being implemented. The appeals panel on Monday upheld that ruling for people with a "bona fide relationship" with close family or an entity in the United States, like a university or company. But the court blocked the lower court's decision for people from the six countries without such ties, meaning they can now be kept from entering the United States. The restrictions will apply to travelers from Chad, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Syria and Yemen. The latest ban also blocks travel by certain Venezuelan government officials and most North Koreans; courts have not stopped the administration from enacting the restrictions on those countries.

### **19. Trump Administration Detaining DACA Recipient With Disability**

(HuffPost; 22.9M uvm) ... Elise Foley

A 20-year-old undocumented immigrant with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status has been in ICE detention for a month, despite President Donald Trump's promises not to go after young people with DACA protections, an advocate for the young man said on Monday. Felipe Abonza-Lopez and his advocates say he was picked up in spite of a clean criminal record when he was riding in a car with undocumented family members. CBP confirmed arresting a DACA recipient, and said it was "in the course of a human smuggling investigation." The recipient's "status will be reviewed at an immigration hearing," Border Patrol Chief Patrol Agent Felix Chavez said in a statement. Amy Fischer, the policy director of RAICES, which is assisting with Abonza-Lopez's case, said he was not smuggling and has not been charged with anything. "If CBP is trying to criminalize DACA recipients with mixed status families for driving in a car with their undocumented family members, that is wholly unjust," she said in an email. "We know that ICE will try to detain and deport people who have DACA so long as no one is paying attention to it," Fischer said. CBP said in a statement that the Uvalde County Sheriff's Office asked Border Patrol for assistance after a citizen reported a suspicious vehicle on Oct. 12. The people in the car were then picked up by Border Patrol and later transferred to Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Agents determined that two people in the car had been previously deported and reinstated their orders of removal. They charged an additional person with illegal entry. The other two individuals included a DACA recipient — presumably, Abonza-Lopez.

### **20. Privately owned detention centers turning immigrants into ATM machines**

(Flagler College Gargoyle) ... Katherine Lewin



The Obama administration ended the so-called “wet foot, dry foot” policy in January 2017. This part of the Cuban Adjustment Act allowed Cubans without visas to stay in the United States and begin the citizenship process once their feet touched dry land. The looming possibility of the end of “wet foot, dry foot” created a renewed surge of Cubans trying to enter the U.S. in 2016. This meant that many Cubans were on their way to America, either in border towns in Mexico or stranded in countries like Colombia and Brazil, when former President Obama ended the policy. Changing the Cuban Adjustment Act was meant to reflect the normalizing relationship between the U.S. and Cuba after decades of tension and sanctions against the communist Caribbean country. But instead of fostering peace and a safer immigration experience, ending the policy may have generated mass confusion in the Cuban immigrant communities and created a steady new human revenue stream for privately owned detention centers to legally exploit. Combine this with President Trump’s plan to increase the number of immigrants detained on any given day from 40,000 to 80,000 people, and the private prison corporations in America stand to double their daily revenue to around \$12 million. For Geo Group and CoreCivic, two corporations that own nearly all of the private detention centers in the United States, taking advantage of the political plight of Cubans fleeing their country might just seem like good business sense.

## DHS NEWS

### **21. Five Times Trump’s DHS Nominee Nielsen Nixed POTUS Principles on Immigration**

(Breitbart; 19.1M uvm) ... John Binder

**VIDEO:** Breitbart News has compiled the five times in which Kirstjen Nielsen, a former official under President George W. Bush, has been out-of-line with Trump’s Buy “Buy American, Hire American” policies and immigration principles. Nielsen’s most controversial statements on immigration have revolved around her open support for amnesty for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) illegal aliens...Nielsen’s testimony and answers during her hearing did not make any declaration of support — or even any reference to — Trump’s detailed 70-point list of immigration principles which were announced on October 8...In the face of Democratic hostility, Nielsen actually downplayed the importance of the wall. Trump’s immigration agenda has emphasized putting the U.S. economy and needs of Americans first. But when answering a question about how to deter illegal immigration, Nielsen said she wanted to improve the economies of foreign nations which send their illegal aliens to the United States, even as she declined to talk about more direct countermeasures, such as the construction of a border wall and the enforcement of sanctions against employers who hire illegals. “We have to increase the prosperity there,” Nielsen said of foreign countries.

## OF INTEREST

### **22. The border as a ‘weaponized’ landscape**

(High Country News; 505k uvm; Paonia, CO) ... Katherine E. Standefer



Border Patrol agent-turned-author Francisco Cantú examines his experiences. Cantú is the author of *The Line Becomes A River*, forthcoming this February from Riverhead Books. The book is a beautiful and brutal chronicle of the four years he spent working as a Border Patrol agent, and the years afterward, in which an immigrant friend, José, is deported to Mexico, and Cantú finds himself navigating border policy from the other end. The book — his first — is already generating buzz; this year Cantú has received a Whiting Award in Nonfiction and a Pushcart Prize, and a section of the book recently aired on *This American Life*.

## SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYSIS

### OF NOTE

- The top URL, the most retweeted post, and the top hashtag all sustained from the previous period on the story of Ella, a Ugandan asylum seeker, who was allegedly detained, denied the ability to speak to her lawyer, and ultimately deported by CBP.
- The @CustomsBorder Twitter account received notable engagement during the period. The tweet to receive the highest engagement commented despite outdoor conditions CBP will be there to secure the nation's borders. The post was retweeted 65 times, liked by 236, and received 24 replies to date with 1.8M impressions. The tweet was not the only post by the account to receive significant attention; report of Laredo sector Border Patrol agents' cocaine bust received 38 retweets, 78 likes, and 6 replies to date with 300k potential impressions.



- The Twitter conversation revolving around DHS Nominee Kirstjen Nielsen has increased in volume from the previous period. A notable tweet posted by FAIR (@FAIRImmigration) shared an article titled, "On Eve of Committee Vote, Kirstjen Nielsen's Commitment to the Trump Immigration Agenda Remains Questionable, Cautions FAIR". The tweet garnered 49 retweets, 66 likes, and 13 replies.

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## Daily Media Summary November 18, 2017

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- *WBTS-TV* reported that group of Senate Democrats are pressing DHS Secretary nominee Kirstjen Nielsen to support bipartisan legislation that would protect DACA recipients from being deported. They cited that during her

confirmation hearing she agreed that there was a need for legislation to protect DACA recipients and help create a path for citizenship. This story has been shared by major media outlets *Stars & Stripes*, *ABC News* as well as local outlets such as the *Tampa Bay Times*, and *Florence Morning News*, based in Florence, SC. The UK media outlet *Daily Mail* shared this story as well.

- *KIII-TV* reported that Border Patrol agents at the Sarita checkpoint arrested a person who had attempted to smuggle cocaine through the checkpoint in the trunk of their Mercedes. "The efforts they are using to conceal the loads is usually expensive, so this was out of the ordinary for us," said Deputy Patrol Agent in charge of Kingsville Josh Schad. According to agents, usually the cartels try and conceal their drugs loads inside secret compartments, but this bust was unusual considering the dog's ability to smell. "The things they can detect, the minor traces of narcotics they can smell is unbelievable so we couldn't do the job without them," Schad said. This story has yet to be widely reported on in other media outlets, however on the @CustomsBorder Twitter account, it is the tweet with the highest engagement of the period.
- *BuzzFeed* reported that an immigrant father, Jose Demar Fuentes, from Central America seeking asylum in the United States has accused Border Patrol agents of lying and threatening him to persuade him to separate from his 1-year-old son. CBP didn't respond to specific questions about Fuentes or the other fathers, but pointed to their policy on family unity. "CBP will maintain family unity to the greatest extent operationally feasible, absent a legal requirement or an articulable safety or security concern that requires separation," the policy said. While this story has yet to be widely reported in other media outlets, it is gaining traction on *Twitter* since *BuzzFeed* first ran the article in the early morning hours.

## TOP NEWS

1. [Democrats Press Homeland Security Pick on Immigration Issues](#)  
(WBTS-TV; 20k uvm; Newton, MA) ... Richard Lardner

A group of Senate Democrats is pressing President Donald Trump's choice to lead the Homeland Security Department to endorse bipartisan legislation to shield from deportation thousands of young immigrants brought to the U.S. as young children and living here illegally. In a letter sent Friday to Kirstjen Nielsen, the 20 lawmakers said she agreed during her confirmation hearing earlier this month on the need for legislation that would put so-called "Dreamers" on a path to U.S. citizenship. They want to know if that means Nielsen will openly urge Congress to pass the bipartisan Dream Act to "provide the solution that you have recognized is needed." White House spokesman Raj Shah said Nielsen did not express support for any specific legislation during her confirmation hearing. "The Trump administration has laid out its priorities for responsible immigration reform we hope Congress will adopt," Shah said.

2. [Major cocaine bust at Sarita checkpoint](#)  
(KIII-TV; 66k uvm; Corpus Christi, TX) ... Michael Gibson

**VIDEO:** Border patrol agents at the Sarita checkpoint said one of their K-9's sniffed

out a trunk full of cocaine Wednesday morning. Nearly six million dollars worth of cocaine was discovered during the stop. Kiii News reporter Michael Gibson was at the checkpoint to meet with agents about the incident. "The efforts they are using to conceal the loads is usually expensive, so this was out of the ordinary for us," said Deputy Patrol Agent in charge of Kingsville Josh Schad. According to agents, usually the cartels try and conceal their drugs loads inside secret compartments of even inside car batteries, but this bust was unusual considering the dog's super sense of smell. "The things they can detect, the minor traces of narcotics they can smell is unbelievable so we couldn't do the job without them," Schad said. Investigators believe the drugs were smuggled across an unprotected section of the border and then loaded into the Mercedes.

3. [Immigrant Father Says The Border Patrol Took His Infant Son And Won't Tell Him Where He Is](#)

(BuzzFeed; 17.7M) ... Adolfo Flores

An immigrant father from Central America seeking asylum in the United States has accused Border Patrol agents of lying and threatening him to persuade him to separate from his 1-year-old son. Immigrant rights advocates said the accusation bolsters what they believe is an effort by Border Patrol agents to discourage Central American immigration by separating parents from their children. Jose Demar Fuentes, 30, said he and three other fathers crossed the US border through the Mexican city of Tijuana on Sunday with their children and requested asylum from US immigration authorities. Fuentes said that in three separate meetings, Border Patrol agents in dark green uniforms told him and the other fathers that if they didn't agree to separate themselves from their children, their immigration cases would take longer and there would be problems. "The last time they said we'd better agree because it was 'better to do it the good way and avoid using force in front of the kids,'" Fuentes told BuzzFeed News. "That made us all agree." The fathers and their kids were separated Thursday. The three other fathers could not be reached for comment. US Customs and Border Protection didn't respond to specific questions about Fuentes or the other fathers, but pointed to their policy on family unity. "CBP will maintain family unity to the greatest extent operationally feasible, absent a legal requirement or an articulable safety or security concern that requires separation," the policy said.

## NEWS INDEX

### BORDER SECURITY

#### *Along U.S. Borders*

4. [Border Patrol Agent Hospitalized after Illegal Immigrant Speeds Through Checkpoint](#)

(Breitbart; 19.1M uvm) ... Bob Price

Border Patrol agents assigned to a checkpoint in East County observed a man approaching in a 2009 Infinity G35 sedan. The driver initiated a U-turn before the

checkpoint and drove the wrong way into oncoming traffic, according to information provided to Breitbart Texas by U.S. Border Patrol officials. The driver suddenly executed another U-turn and sped toward the checkpoint—reaching a speed of nearly 70 miles per hour, officials stated. As the driver approached, he swerved out of the lanes of cars waiting for inspection to bypass the position. In doing so, he struck a steel road sign — parts of which struck a Border Patrol agent working nearby. The debris from the sign injured the agent who had to be hospitalized. The driver bypassed the checkpoint and took off on I-8. Agents pursued the fleeing driver. The pursuit reached speeds in excess of 100 mph, officials reported. Suddenly, the driver lost control of the G35 and crashed on a berm. After climbing out of the car, the driver fled on foot. As other agents arrived on the scene, they secured the two occupants and checked them for injuries. Finding none, the agents placed the male passengers under arrest. Other agents pursued the driver on foot. The agents found the driver hiding in the garage of a private home, officials explained. They took the man into custody. An investigation revealed the 27-year-old driver and the two male passengers, ages 27 and 40, were all illegally present in the U.S. The driver faces charges of transporting aliens illegally present in the United States, officials reported. All three Mexican nationals are being held in federal custody.

5. [Border Patrol agents discover drugs taped to 17-year-old girl's body](#)  
(KGTV-TV; 2.1M uvm; San Diego, CA) ... Jermaine Ong

A 17-year-old girl was taken into custody at the El Centro border checkpoint after U.S. officials said Border Patrol agents discovered small packages of methamphetamine taped to her body. Customs and Border Protection officials said the teen was a passenger in a Ford Focus that approached the Highway 86 checkpoint at about 1:15 p.m. Wednesday. Officials said three other people were in the vehicle. According to officials, a canine team alerted agents to something suspicious in the vehicle. During a secondary inspection, agents found 10 small packages taped to the teen girl's legs. Officials said the packages -- which weighed a combined 4.21 pounds with an estimated street value of \$14,735 -- "were tested and contained the properties consistent with methamphetamine." The drugs and the girl, who is a U.S. citizen, were turned over to DEA officials. Officials did not say if the other vehicle occupants were taken into custody.

6. [Suspected MS-13 gang member arrested in northwest North Dakota](#)  
(Grand Forks Herald; 837k uvm; Grand Forks, ND) ... April Baumgarten

A suspected member of a notorious international criminal gang has been arrested in Williston and is being held at the Grand Forks County jail. Border Patrol agents from the Grand Forks Sector of U.S. Customs and Border Protection arrested 39-year-old Concepcion Carcamo-Portillo at 7 p.m. Wednesday, spokesman Kristoffer Grogan confirmed to the Herald. Numerous tips from concerned citizens led officers to the El Salvador national, Grogan said. Investigators determined the man was in the U.S. illegally and is an alleged member of Mara Salvatrucha, also known as the El Salvador-based international criminal organization MS-13. Carcamo-Portillo was booked Thursday evening into the Grand Forks County Correctional Center. "This arrest is a testament to our cooperation with our (Department of Homeland Security)

partners to disrupt one of the most dangerous criminal organizations in the United States," Chief Patrol Agent Aaron Heitke, commander of the Grand Forks Sector, said in a statement. "This arrest is the direct result from of information passed from Immigration and Customs Enforcement and a call from a concerned citizen."

7. [Man surrenders at Border Patrol checkpoint following I-25 pursuit](#)

(Las Cruces Sun-News; 310k uvm; Las Cruces, NM)

**VIDEO:** An Albuquerque man, suspected in a possible kidnapping, surrendered to authorities at the Border Patrol checkpoint north of Las Cruces on Thursday. Epifanio Torres, 30, was charged with aggravated fleeing, a fourth degree felony. Other charges are pending, according to New Mexico State Police. State police said the incident began about 8:29 p.m. when they issued a "be on the lookout" (BOLO) for a red Ford F-150 pickup in reference to a possible kidnapping in Albuquerque. Authorities said information was received from an out-of-state relative, who had been on the phone with a female, reportedly in the backseat of the pickup. The suspect and female had been in a relationship, state police reported. About 45 minutes after the BOLO, state police officers spotted the vehicle traveling south on I-25, near mile post 68. An officer attempted to stop the vehicle, police said, but it did not stop and the driver continued southbound. State Police notified Border Patrol agents at the I-25 checkpoint of the ongoing pursuit. Torres, who was on the phone with the Albuquerque NMSP office, told authorities he would surrender at the checkpoint, which he did without incident, police said. The female passenger was checked by authorities and refused transport to a hospital, police said.

8. [K-9 leads Border Patrol agents to discovery of more than 180 pounds of cocaine](#)

(Corpus Christi Caller-Times; 191k uvm; Corpus Christi, TX) ... Alexandria Rodriguez

**VIDEO:** An alert from a Border Patrol K-9 in Kingsville led to the discovery of more than 180 pounds of cocaine at a checkpoint Wednesday. The alert from the K-9 came during a non-intrusive vehicle inspection at the checkpoint. Agents then inspected the truck of the vehicle and found three suitcases with about 185 pounds of cocaine, according to a news release. Drug Enforcement Administration agents took the vehicle, 32 bundles of cocaine, valued at \$5,844,800, and took the driver, a U.S. citizen, into custody, the release states. On Tuesday, agents at the Brownsville Border Patrol Station seized more than 8 pounds of methamphetamine after they were alerted by another K-9. The K-9 alerted an agents to a delivery truck, which led to further inspection, the release states. Agents then found nine packages of methamphetamine, worth more than \$260,000, concealed in liquid foam, according to the release.

9. [Border Patrol nabs two suspected MS-13 gang members](#)

(Corpus Christi Caller-Times; 191k uvm; Corpus Christi, TX) ...Chris Ramirez

**VIDEO:** An El Salvadoran man with ties to the violent street gang MS-13 and a criminal record in his homeland was among those arrested in a Border Patrol

operation near Hebbronville. Border Patrol agents arrested an undocumented immigrant Tuesday, according to a news release from the agency. He was among a group of 16 immigrants who were on a ranch near Hebbronville. The Border Patrol said the man, whose identity was not released, had an extensive criminal history in his native country. He had served an eight-year prison sentence there for a homicide conviction and also had a record for illegal possession of a firearm, aggravated robbery and drug trafficking. He was processed for deportation. On Thursday, Border Patrol agents arrested another undocumented immigrant who is believed to be associated with MS-13 near Bruni, in Webb County. That person, also from El Salvador, was processed for deportation. The Trump administration has pledged to get MS-13 and other trans-national gangs off America's streets. The gang is believed to have started in Los Angeles in the 1980s, but became more deeply entrenched in Central America when its leaders were deported. There was no indication immediately that the individuals' arrests were in any way connected to "Operation Raging Bull," a crackdown run conducted by officials from the Department of Homeland Security and Justice Department. That operation ran from Oct. 8 to Nov. 11, and concluded with the arrest of 214 members of MS-13.

### *Ports of Entry*

10. [Farmington driver's race car is delayed at Canadian border](#)  
(Portland Press Herald; 2.1M uvm; Portland, OR) ... Phil Whipple

For Farmington native Cassius Clark, the anticipation leading up to Saturday's annual Pro All Stars Series Mega-Meltdown 300 at Hickory Motor Speedway in North Carolina has turned to stress. The team for which Clark drives, King Racing, owned by former racer and Canadian businessman Rollie MacDonald, is stuck at the Canadian border with the car and all of the equipment necessary to run this weekend's race. "They've been delayed at the border cross at Houlton since Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m.," Clark said on the phone from North Carolina. "There was a practice session here yesterday, and there is more on tap for today. It's a 20-hour drive from Houlton to get here, so I sure hope they get released soon." Two other race teams had similar difficulties, Clark said, but were allowed to pass after a lengthy delay. U.S. Customs and Border Protections Public Affairs Officer Stephanie Malin on Friday afternoon released a statement on the matter: "While I cannot get into the specific details of the inspection, I can confirm the individuals were not detained at the port of entry at all," she wrote, "The issue is related to a lack of proper importation documents required for importing a vehicle for racing purposes."

11. [City officials get a tour of the international bridges](#)  
(KGNS-TV; 87k uvm; Laredo, TX) ... Phil Whipple

**VIDEO:** A tour of bridge one and two was given to city officials on both sides of the border as they took a look at the status of the ongoing construction project. According to CBP, construction at both bridge one and two is coming along fine. Congressman Henry Cuellar, Mayor Pete Saenz, and Nuevo Laredo and Laredo officials toured both facilities with U.S. General Services Administration and Customs and Border

Protection. The project is aimed towards increasing efficiency and improving safety and security for vehicle and pedestrian processing. These updates should reduce vehicle wait times from 33 to 15 minutes and peak pedestrian time from 49 to 21 minutes. Mayor Peete Saenz says there have been talks between him and Nuevo Laredo about the idea of turning bridge one into a pedestrian walkway. Mayor Saenz says CBP has been supportive of the idea and now it's up to him and City Council to decide and work with Nuevo Laredo to see if it's possible. The projected completion dates for bridge one is April 2018 and December 2018 for bridge two.

12. ['No shirt, no service, no Canada'](#)

(Surrey Now-Leader; 17k uvm; Surrey, BC Canada) ... Aaron Hinks

A U.S. man is now in jail after Canada Border Services Agency discovered he had an outstanding felony warrant from Washington State. U.S. Customs and Border Protection issued a news release Friday afternoon titled "No shirt, no service, no Canada," saying the Tacoma man arrived northbound at the Peace Arch (Douglas) crossing in South Surrey, shirtless, and told officers he was heading to Toronto to visit friends. The release says that during a search of a rental vehicle, CBSA found small amounts of meth. After being returned to Blaine, officers confirmed the 23-year-old had a felony warrant from the Washington State Department of Corrections for robbery and escape from community custody, which was issued Nov. 13. "The cooperation between three government agencies is priceless," U.S. CBP area port director Kenneth Williams said in the release. "CBSA, CBP and the sheriff's office worked as a team to get this suspected criminal off the street."

## **BORDER WALL**

13. [Roundtable: A Closer Look At The Border Wall](#)

(KPBS-TV; 278k uvm; San Diego, CA) ... Bennett Lacy, Mark Sauer

**VIDEO:** President Donald Trump is demanding Congress fund the construction of a wall along America's border with Mexico. Work has already begun, with eight prototypes of new structures recently being showcased in San Diego. In the new series "America's Wall," KPBS and inewssource obtained previously unseen federal documents that detail the existing barriers along the border built under several previous administrations. The series also profiles people on both sides of the border, and both sides of a contentious issue.

14. [Fisher's border wall prototype complete on Southern border](#)

(Dickinson Press; 192k uvm; Dickinson, ND) ... Grady McGregor

Dickinson-based Fisher Industries has completed construction of a border wall prototype along the southern border of the United States near Otay Mesa, Calif. Fisher's wall is made of concrete and while it lacks some of the color and features of other prototypes, like tubing atop the walls or opaque paneling, the wall's simplicity makes it look like one of the more imposing designs. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced that the eight border wall prototypes were completed in late October but this is the first time that the Press has been able to track down

available pictures of Fisher's wall prototype. According to a CBP press release from late last month, now that the construction phase is complete they will test and evaluate each wall over a 30- to 60-day period. "Border security contributes to our overall national security and relies on a combination of border infrastructure, technology, personnel, and partnerships," said CBP acting Deputy Commissioner Ron Vitiello in the release. "Border walls have proven to be an extremely effective part of our multi-pronged security strategy to prevent the illegal migration of people and drugs over the years ... These border enforcement zones give our men and women of CBP the best possible conditions to maintain a safe and secure border."

## TRADE

15. [Darling: Fully loaded trucks crossing Anzalduas Bridge by end of 2018](#)  
(Rio Grande Guardian; 9k uvm; McAllen, TX) ... Patricia Martinez

McAllen Mayor Jim Darling said that the city is moving forward with plans to have full commercial traffic at the Anzalduas International Bridge by the end of 2018. Since August 2016, the bridge has allowed empty southbound trucks to cross into Mexico. Now, design plans are being finalized for fully loaded trucks to cross the bridge in either direction, giving commercial drivers the option of another port of entry. The plan is to have a joint inspection facility on the north side of the bridge. "Pharr does a great job over there, but it's one bridge," said Darling. "There's just so much potential in our area to only have one. So, we need to get commercial traffic on another bridge." Asked when the bridge may ready to handle loaded trucks going both north- and southbound, Darling said: "I am shooting for the end of 2018. That is why we want to get the design done and get construction going. We are working on that, state monies, federal monies. They have to get their act together in Washington and set a budget and get some funding (going). We will get it done."

## TRAVEL

16. [Nonstop Seattle to Dublin flights to begin May 2018](#)  
(Seattle PI; 4.7M uvm; Seattle WA)

Nonstop flights from Seattle to Dublin will start next spring. The Seattle Times reports Irish carrier Aer Lingus said Friday the service will begin May 18, 2018. The service will be provided four times a week. Because Dublin airport has its own U.S. Customs and Border Protection facility, passengers and their luggage will be pre-cleared in Ireland before departure, with no need to go through passport control on arrival in Seattle. This will be the first pre-cleared trans-Atlantic flight to fly into Seattle. Aer Lingus also will provide Seattle passengers connections through Dublin to 24 U.K. and European cities.

17. [CBP gives tips for faster entry times during holiday season](#)  
(KGBT-TV; 298k uvm; Harlingen, TX) ... Jolanie Martinez

**VIDEO:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection has tips for international travelers coming to the U.S. during the holiday season. U.S. Customs and Border Protection

public information officer Maribel Saenz says the agency is preparing for the large number of shoppers that cross the border during the holiday season, especially after La Plaza Mall's multi-million dollar expansion. Saenz recommends international travelers to apply online for the I-94 form. "A lot of times since it's holiday season, there is a lot more travelers than usual, so that's why we are encouraging everybody to go online, apply online," Saenz said. "They can pay for it online, they bring their receipt with them and we finalize it for them here at the port of entry." To finalize the I-94 process, travelers must present themselves at a port of entry within seven days of their application. Travelers are also encouraged to use their radio frequency identification card to use ready lanes at port of entries. The frequency identification card includes the newer version of the U.S. passport cards, border crossing cards and resident alien card. Saenz says using this method expedites the entry process by 20 percent. "At the window, they will be getting their fingerprints, their picture and a background check to make sure that they qualify for the I-94 and cardboard," said Saenz. "I-94 will be printed and that's what they will have to present at the checkpoint with their travel documents."

CBP's Border Wait Times app also gives hourly updates on lines at each port of entry.

## **WORKFORCE**

### **18. [Law enforcement K-9s compete in Mercedes](#)**

(Brownsville Herald; 75k uvm; Brownsville, TX) ... Cristina M. Garcia

Federal and local agencies were rivals Friday during the 3rd annual South Texas Police K-9 Competition held at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Grounds in Mercedes. Valley law enforcement agencies and others, along with their K-9s, competed in timed narcotic article and vehicle searches, the obedience and confidence course, and criminal apprehension...If you compete and your dog doesn't do so well, that motivates you," Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office K-9 trainer Javier Solis said... U.S. Border Patrol's K-9, Billy-B, was named top dog in the patrol competition. A Belgian Malinois named Mischa and her handler, Tim Behnke, with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, quickly ran the narcotic article and vehicle searches Friday afternoon. Mischa has stopped more than \$1 million worth of drugs from being smuggled into the U.S. during her more than three years as a law enforcement K-9, according Behnke. Behnke and Mischa underwent a seven-week training course in Virginia prior to working together at multiple ports of entry in Brownsville. The two have been a team for three and a half years. "It's the best job in the world," Benke said. "Working with an animal is awesome." Though Behnke didn't place in the vehicles search competition, U.S. Customs and Border Protection's K-9 Coco and his handler, Michael Hufham, placed third. The U.S. Border Patrol was awarded the Best K-9 Unit, while Lusy with Edinburg CISD Police Department took first in the articles search.

### **19. [CBP AMO Plan Flyover at NASCAR's Championship Weekend](#)**

(American Security Today; 45k uvm)

**VIDEO:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Air and Marine Operations (AMO)

aircrews based at the Miami Air and Marine Branch will perform a flyover during NASCAR's championship weekend at Homestead-Miami Speedway in front of tens of thousands of racing fans. CBP's Air and Marine Operations agents from air and marine branches and units in Florida and Texas are assisting with security efforts for the event providing real-time aerial video to ground based law enforcement personnel at the incident command center. Air and Marine Operations interdicts unlawful people and cargo approaching U.S. borders, investigates criminal networks and provides domain awareness in the air and maritime environments, and responds to contingencies and national taskings. "We're a part of this community and honored to serve and protect the public in Greater Miami and the Florida Keys utilizing advanced aeronautical and maritime capabilities," said Martin Wade, Director of the Miami Air and Marine Branch. "Air and Marine Operations highly-skilled agents are often behind the scenes at high profile events to keep things safe and secure along with local, state and federal law enforcement partners."

## OPINION

20. [Former DHS Secretary Tom Ridge: No southern border wall needed](#)  
(CBS Television Network; 26.1 uvm) ... Arden Farhi

**VIDEO:** Tom Ridge, the nation's first secretary of Homeland Security, believes the physical border wall President Donald Trump wants to build on the U.S.-Mexico border isn't necessary. "I don't think we need it," Ridge said. "I think there are things we can do with technology that foregoes the need to build a 3,000 mile border [wall] with a neighbor... I prefer presidents that tear down walls rather than build them." Ridge appeared on "The Takeout" podcast with CBS News chief White House correspondent Major Garrett and political director Steve Chaggaris. Despite his criticism of the President, Ridge, a Republican, praised Mr. Trump's pick to lead the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Kirstjen Nielsen. "This is a woman that's got public and private sector experience. She's been deputy chief of staff to the president now, she was General [John] Kelly's chief of staff [at DHS], she's well versed and worked with the private sector on preparedness issues and cyber security issues and the like."

## IMMIGRATION

21. [Immigrant Who Had Prosthetic Leg Mocked by Trump Officials to Be Freed After 'Inhumane' Detention](#)  
(Newsweek; 9.4M uvm) ... Nicole Rodriguez

**VIDEO:** A 20-year-old disabled immigrant detained for more than a month without being charged was to be freed Friday, but he has been stripped of his Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status. After being detained by Customs and Border Protection (CPB) agents on October 11 as part of a human smuggling investigation, Felipe Abonza-Lopez of San Marcos, Texas, was granted a \$7,500 bond and will be released sometime Friday, a legal assistant for Abonza-Lopez's attorney told Newsweek Friday. Abonza-Lopez has lost his DACA status, which had been set to expire in 2019. It was revoked October 12, when he received a notice to appear in

immigration court for deportation proceedings, a spokesperson for Citizenship and Immigration Services (ICE) told Newsweek.

22. [Trump Administration Cites MS-13 Arrest to Push Change in Minor Immigrant Law](#)

(Daily Signal; 1.1M uvm) ... Fred Lucas

The Trump administration is pointing to a large federal roundup of members of the violent gang MS-13 as vindication of increased enforcement efforts and reason to change the policy on unaccompanied minor illegal immigrants. The Justice Department and Department of Homeland Security announced a joint effort that led to the arrest of 214 gang members and those involved with gang-related crime...Of the 214, just 16 were U.S. citizens while 198 were foreign nationals. Of the foreign nationals, only five were in the country legally. Among those arrested, 64 entered the country as unaccompanied alien children, but most are now adults, according to the Trump administration. During a press conference Thursday announcing the arrests, Tom Homan, deputy director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, noted the 2008 law on unaccompanied minors does not allow them to be immediately returned to their country of origin. "The agencies sent up a series of policy requests to the Hill to address a lot of issues to further control the border and illegal immigration," Homan said. "Some of these policies are being exploited and used by criminal organizations. That's why that's one of the policy issues we asked Congress to look at and help us with."

23. [UMD files affidavit in federal lawsuit challenging Trump's latest travel ban](#)

(The Diamondback; 35k uvm) ... Christine Condon

The University of Maryland has filed an affidavit in a federal lawsuit opposing the Trump administration's latest iteration of its travel ban. "Since our students & faculty are impacted by the latest travel ban, #UMD has filed an affidavit in a federal lawsuit in MD challenging the ban's legality," University President Wallace Loh tweeted Friday. The affidavit was filed in a Maryland district court case surrounding the ban. Federal judges in Maryland and Hawaii issued national orders freezing the ban in October. "It is in the interest of the University, as well as in the national interest, to welcome talented persons of all nations to study, teach, and do research in the United States, in order to maintain and improve America's position as a leader in higher education and research," read the statement, signed by Loh Oct. 10.

## OF INTEREST

24. [Trump halts decision to allow elephant trophy imports after uproar](#)

(Reuters; 43.6M uvm) ...David Shepardson and Eric Beech

U.S. President Donald Trump said in a tweet on Friday he is putting a decision to allow imports of elephant trophies on hold after a torrent of criticism from conservation advocates and across social media. Trump's reversal came hours after his administration released a rule on Friday to allow hunters who kill elephants in Zimbabwe to bring their trophies back to the United States, which had been banned

by the Obama administration. “Put big game trophy decision on hold until such time as I review all conservation facts. Under study for years. Will update soon with Secretary Zinke. Thank you!” Trump wrote. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said in a statement that he had spoken with Trump and “both believe that conservation and healthy herds are critical.” He said the “issuing of permits is being put on hold as the decision is being reviewed.”

25. [18-year-old accused of shooting CBP agent in Oakleaf said he would “off” cops, according to investigators](#)  
(WOKV-FM; 75.1k uvm; Jacksonville, FL) ... Stephanie Brown

Two months after a Customs and Border Protection Agent was shot in the parking lot of an Oakleaf Publix, new investigative reports are detailing more about the possible motive to the attack. The Clay County Sheriff’s Office believed from early in their investigation that the agent was ambushed because he was law enforcement. The victim was leaving the Publix after grabbing some groceries, when CCSO says 18-year-old Jake Lewis sped up and fired multiple shots, hitting the agent multiple times. Lewis then crashed, and CCSO says he died of a self-inflicted gunshot. The agent who was shot underwent surgery and continues to recover. CBP tells us the “signs are encouraging”, and the agent is expected to return on limited duty in the near future. That agent has spoken with investigators, and the new supplemental reports show he remembers a suspect pointing a gun out of a car and yelling about hating cops, before shooting.

## SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYSIS

### OF NOTE



- The tweet by @DonaldTrumpJr on November 16 titled “First female Border Patrol chief says agents 'empowered' under Trump” is still the most retweeted of the period, with 6.3k retweets, 20k likes and 765 replies to date.
- As mentioned above, the tweet by Adolfo Flores from the account @aflores titled “Immigrant father says the Border Patrol took his infant son and won't tell him where he is”

is gaining attention on Twitter and is the second most retweeted tweet to date. The tweet supplies a link to the *BuzzFeed* article where he is interviewed. The tweet has 327 retweets, 154 likes, and 34 replies to date.



- The tweet to receive the highest engagement of the period on @CustomsBorder is “RGV sector Border Patrol K9’s lead agents to seize over \$6.1 million in narcotics. #KeepingAmericaSafe.” The tweet has received 20 retweets, 55 likes, 6 replies and 180,000 potential impressions to date. The tweet provides a link to the *KIII TV* news article on the bust.

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- *WBTS-TV* reported that group of Senate Democrats are pressing DHS Secretary nominee Kirstjen Nielsen to support bipartisan legislation that would protect DACA recipients from being deported. They cited that during her confirmation hearing she agreed that there was a need for legislation to protect DACA recipients and help create a path for citizenship. This story has been shared by major media outlets *Stars & Stripes*, *ABC News* as well as local outlets such as the *Tampa Bay Times*, and *Florence Morning News*, based in Florence, SC. The UK media outlet *Daily Mail* shared this story as well.
- *KIII-TV* reported that Border Patrol agents at the Sarita checkpoint arrested a person who had attempted to smuggle cocaine through the checkpoint in the trunk of their Mercedes. "The efforts they are using to conceal the loads is usually expensive, so this was out of the ordinary for us," said Deputy Patrol Agent in charge of Kingsville Josh Schad. According to agents, usually the cartels try and conceal their drugs loads inside secret compartments, but this bust was unusual considering the dog's ability to smell. "The things they can detect, the minor traces of narcotics they can smell is unbelievable so we couldn't do the job without them," Schad said. This story has yet to be widely reported on in other media outlets, however on the @CustomsBorder Twitter account, it is the tweet with the highest engagement of the period.
- *BuzzFeed* reported that an immigrant father, Jose Demar Fuentes, from Central America seeking asylum in the United States has accused Border Patrol agents of lying and threatening him to persuade him to separate from his 1-year-old son. CBP didn't respond to specific questions about Fuentes or the other fathers, but pointed to their policy on family unity. "CBP will maintain family unity to the greatest extent operationally feasible, absent a legal requirement or an articulable safety or security concern that requires separation," the policy said. While this story has yet to be widely reported in other media outlets, it is gaining traction on *Twitter* since *BuzzFeed* first ran the article in the early morning hours.

### TOP NEWS

1. **Democrats Press Homeland Security Pick on Immigration Issues**  
(WBTS-TV; 20k uvm; Newton, MA) ... Richard Lardner

A group of Senate Democrats is pressing President Donald Trump's choice to lead the Homeland Security Department to endorse bipartisan legislation to shield from deportation thousands of young immigrants brought to the U.S. as young children and



living here illegally. In a letter sent Friday to Kirstjen Nielsen, the 20 lawmakers said she agreed during her confirmation hearing earlier this month on the need for legislation that would put so-called "Dreamers" on a path to U.S. citizenship. They want to know if that means Nielsen will openly urge Congress to pass the bipartisan Dream Act to "provide the solution that you have recognized is needed." White House spokesman Raj Shah said Nielsen did not express support for any specific legislation during her confirmation hearing." The Trump administration has laid out its priorities for responsible immigration reform we hope Congress will adopt," Shah said.

## **2. Major cocaine bust at Sarita checkpoint**

(KIII-TV; 66k uvm; Corpus Christi, TX) ... Michael Gibson

**VIDEO:** Border patrol agents at the Sarita checkpoint said one of their K-9's sniffed out a trunk full of cocaine Wednesday morning. Nearly six million dollars worth of cocaine was discovered during the stop. Kiii News reporter Michael Gibson was at the checkpoint to meet with agents about the incident. "The efforts they are using to conceal the loads is usually expensive, so this was out of the ordinary for us," said Deputy Patrol Agent in charge of Kingsville Josh Schad. According to agents, usually the cartels try and conceal their drugs loads inside secret compartments of even inside car batteries, but this bust was unusual considering the dog's super sense of smell. "The things they can detect, the minor traces of narcotics they can smell is unbelievable so we couldn't do the job without them," Schad said. Investigators believe the drugs were smuggled across an unprotected section of the border and then loaded into the Mercedes.

## **3. Immigrant Father Says The Border Patrol Took His Infant Son And Won't Tell Him Where He Is**

(BuzzFeed; 17.7M) ... Adolfo Flores

An immigrant father from Central America seeking asylum in the United States has accused Border Patrol agents of lying and threatening him to persuade him to separate from his 1-year-old son. Immigrant rights advocates said the accusation bolsters what they believe is an effort by Border Patrol agents to discourage Central American immigration by separating parents from their children. Jose Demar Fuentes, 30, said he and three other fathers crossed the US border through the Mexican city of Tijuana on Sunday with their children and requested asylum from US immigration authorities. Fuentes said that in three separate meetings, Border Patrol agents in dark green uniforms told him and the other fathers that if they didn't agree to separate themselves from their children, their immigration cases would take longer and there would be problems. "The last time they said we'd better agree because it was 'better to do it the good way and avoid using force in front of the kids,'" Fuentes told BuzzFeed News. "That made us all agree." The fathers and their kids were separated Thursday. The three other fathers could not be reached for comment. US Customs and Border Protection didn't respond to specific questions about Fuentes or the other fathers, but pointed to their policy on family unity. "CBP will maintain family unity to the greatest extent operationally feasible, absent a legal requirement or an articulable safety or security concern that requires separation," the policy said.



## NEWS INDEX

### BORDER SECURITY

#### *Along U.S. Borders*

#### **4. Border Patrol Agent Hospitalized after Illegal Immigrant Speeds Through Checkpoint**

(Breitbart; 19.1M uvm) ... Bob Price

Border Patrol agents assigned to a checkpoint in East County observed a man approaching in a 2009 Infinity G35 sedan. The driver initiated a U-turn before the checkpoint and drove the wrong way into oncoming traffic, according to information provided to Breitbart Texas by U.S. Border Patrol officials. The driver suddenly executed another U-turn and sped toward the checkpoint—reaching a speed of nearly 70 miles per hour, officials stated. As the driver approached, he swerved out of the lanes of cars waiting for inspection to bypass the position. In doing so, he struck a steel road sign — parts of which struck a Border Patrol agent working nearby. The debris from the sign injured the agent who had to be hospitalized. The driver bypassed the checkpoint and took off on I-8. Agents pursued the fleeing driver. The pursuit reached speeds in excess of 100 mph, officials reported. Suddenly, the driver lost control of the G35 and crashed on a berm. After climbing out of the car, the driver fled on foot. As other agents arrived on the scene, they secured the two occupants and checked them for injuries. Finding none, the agents placed the male passengers under arrest. Other agents pursued the driver on foot. The agents found the driver hiding in the garage of a private home, officials explained. They took the man into custody. An investigation revealed the 27-year-old driver and the two male passengers, ages 27 and 40, were all illegally present in the U.S. The driver faces charges of transporting aliens illegally present in the United States, officials reported. All three Mexican nationals are being held in federal custody.

#### **5. Border Patrol agents discover drugs taped to 17-year-old girl's body**

(KGTV-TV; 2.1M uvm; San Diego, CA) ... Jermaine Ong

A 17-year-old girl was taken into custody at the El Centro border checkpoint after U.S. officials said Border Patrol agents discovered small packages of methamphetamine taped to her body. Customs and Border Protection officials said the teen was a passenger in a Ford Focus that approached the Highway 86 checkpoint at about 1:15 p.m. Wednesday. Officials said three other people were in the vehicle. According to officials, a canine team alerted agents to something suspicious in the vehicle. During a secondary inspection, agents found 10 small packages taped to the teen girl's legs. Officials said the packages -- which weighed a combined 4.21 pounds with an estimated street value of \$14,735 -- "were tested and contained the properties consistent with methamphetamine." The drugs and the girl, who is a U.S. citizen, were turned over to



DEA officials. Officials did not say if the other vehicle occupants were taken into custody.

**6. Suspected MS-13 gang member arrested in northwest North Dakota**  
(Grand Forks Herald; 837k uvm; Grand Forks, ND) ... April Baumgarten

A suspected member of a notorious international criminal gang has been arrested in Williston and is being held at the Grand Forks County jail. Border Patrol agents from the Grand Forks Sector of U.S. Customs and Border Protection arrested 39-year-old Concepcion Carcamo-Portillo at 7 p.m. Wednesday, spokesman Kristoffer Grogan confirmed to the Herald. Numerous tips from concerned citizens led officers to the El Salvador national, Grogan said. Investigators determined the man was in the U.S. illegally and is an alleged member of Mara Salvatrucha, also known as the El Salvador-based international criminal organization MS-13. Carcamo-Portillo was booked Thursday evening into the Grand Forks County Correctional Center. "This arrest is a testament to our cooperation with our (Department of Homeland Security) partners to disrupt one of the most dangerous criminal organizations in the United States," Chief Patrol Agent Aaron Heitke, commander of the Grand Forks Sector, said in a statement. "This arrest is the direct result from of information passed from Immigration and Customs Enforcement and a call from a concerned citizen."

**7. Man surrenders at Border Patrol checkpoint following I-25 pursuit**  
(Las Cruces Sun-News; 310k uvm; Las Cruces, NM)

**VIDEO:** An Albuquerque man, suspected in a possible kidnapping, surrendered to authorities at the Border Patrol checkpoint north of Las Cruces on Thursday. Epifanio Torres, 30, was charged with aggravated fleeing, a fourth degree felony. Other charges are pending, according to New Mexico State Police. State police said the incident began about 8:29 p.m. when they issued a "be on the lookout" (BOLO) for a red Ford F-150 pickup in reference to a possible kidnapping in Albuquerque. Authorities said information was received from an out-of-state relative, who had been on the phone with a female, reportedly in the backseat of the pickup. The suspect and female had been in a relationship, state police reported. About 45 minutes after the BOLO, state police officers spotted the vehicle traveling south on I-25, near mile post 68. An officer attempted to stop the vehicle, police said, but it did not stop and the driver continued southbound. State Police notified Border Patrol agents at the I-25 checkpoint of the ongoing pursuit. Torres, who was on the phone with the Albuquerque NMSP office, told authorities he would surrender at the checkpoint, which he did without incident, police said. The female passenger was checked by authorities and refused transport to a hospital, police said.

**8. K-9 leads Border Patrol agents to discovery of more than 180 pounds of cocaine**  
(Corpus Christi Caller-Times; 191k uvm; Corpus Christi, TX) ... Alexandria Rodriguez



**VIDEO:** An alert from a Border Patrol K-9 in Kingsville led to the discovery of more than 180 pounds of cocaine at a checkpoint Wednesday. The alert from the K-9 came during a non-intrusive vehicle inspection at the checkpoint. Agents then inspected the truck of the vehicle and found three suitcases with about 185 pounds of cocaine, according to a news release. Drug Enforcement Administration agents took the vehicle, 32 bundles of cocaine, valued at \$5,844,800, and took the driver, a U.S. citizen, into custody, the release states. On Tuesday, agents at the Brownsville Border Patrol Station seized more than 8 pounds of methamphetamine after they were alerted by another K-9. The K-9 alerted an agents to a delivery truck, which led to further inspection, the release states. Agents then found nine packages of methamphetamine, worth more than \$260,000, concealed in liquid foam, according to the release.

**9. Border Patrol nabs two suspected MS-13 gang members**

(Corpus Christi Caller-Times; 191k uvm; Corpus Christi, TX) ...Chris Ramirez

**VIDEO:** An El Salvadoran man with ties to the violent street gang MS-13 and a criminal record in his homeland was among those arrested in a Border Patrol operation near Hebbronville. Border Patrol agents arrested an undocumented immigrant Tuesday, according to a news release from the agency. He was among a group of 16 immigrants who were on a ranch near Hebbronville. The Border Patrol said the man, whose identity was not released, had an extensive criminal history in his native country. He had served an eight-year prison sentence there for a homicide conviction and also had a record for illegal possession of a firearm, aggravated robbery and drug trafficking. He was processed for deportation. On Thursday, Border Patrol agents arrested another undocumented immigrant who is believed to be associated with MS-13 near Bruni, in Webb County. That person, also from El Salvador, was processed for deportation. The Trump administration has pledged to get MS-13 and other trans-national gangs off America's streets. The gang is believed to have started in Los Angeles in the 1980s, but became more deeply entrenched in Central America when its leaders were deported. There was no indication immediately that the individuals' arrests were in any way connected to "Operation Raging Bull," a crackdown run conducted by officials from the Department of Homeland Security and Justice Department. That operation ran from Oct. 8 to Nov. 11, and concluded with the arrest of 214 members of MS-13.

*Ports of Entry*

**10. Farmington driver's race car is delayed at Canadian border**

(Portland Press Herald; 2.1M uvm; Portland, OR) ... Phil Whipple

For Farmington native Cassius Clark, the anticipation leading up to Saturday's annual Pro All Stars Series Mega-Meltdown 300 at Hickory Motor Speedway in North Carolina has turned to stress. The team for which Clark drives, King Racing, owned by former racer and Canadian businessman Rollie MacDonald, is stuck at the Canadian border with the car and all of the equipment necessary to run this weekend's race. "They've been delayed at the border cross at Houlton since Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m.," Clark said on the phone from North Carolina. "There was a practice session here yesterday,



and there is more on tap for today. It's a 20-hour drive from Houlton to get here, so I sure hope they get released soon." Two other race teams had similar difficulties, Clark said, but were allowed to pass after a lengthy delay. U.S. Customs and Border Protections Public Affairs Officer Stephanie Malin on Friday afternoon released a statement on the matter: "While I cannot get into the specific details of the inspection, I can confirm the individuals were not detained at the port of entry at all," she wrote, "The issue is related to a lack of proper importation documents required for importing a vehicle for racing purposes.

#### **11. City officials get a tour of the international bridges**

(KGNS-TV; 87k uvm; Laredo, TX) ... Phil Whipple

**VIDEO:** A tour of bridge one and two was given to city officials on both sides of the border as they took a look at the status of the ongoing construction project. According to CBP, construction at both bridge one and two is coming along fine. Congressman Henry Cuellar, Mayor Pete Saenz, and Nuevo Laredo and Laredo officials toured both facilities with U.S. General Services Administration and Customs and Border Protection. The project is aimed towards increasing efficiency and improving safety and security for vehicle and pedestrian processing. These updates should reduce vehicle wait times from 33 to 15 minutes and peak pedestrian time from 49 to 21 minutes. Mayor Pete Saenz says there have been talks between him and Nuevo Laredo about the idea of turning bridge one into a pedestrian walkway. Mayor Saenz says CBP has been supportive of the idea and now it's up to him and City Council to decide and work with Nuevo Laredo to see if it's possible. The projected completion dates for bridge one is April 2018 and December 2018 for bridge two.

#### **12. 'No shirt, no service, no Canada'**

(Surrey Now-Leader; 17k uvm; Surrey, BC Canada) ... Aaron Hinks

A U.S. man is now in jail after Canada Border Services Agency discovered he had an outstanding felony warrant from Washington State. U.S. Customs and Border Protection issued a news release Friday afternoon titled "No shirt, no service, no Canada," saying the Tacoma man arrived northbound at the Peace Arch (Douglas) crossing in South Surrey, shirtless, and told officers he was heading to Toronto to visit friends. The release says that during a search of a rental vehicle, CBSA found small amounts of meth. After being returned to Blaine, officers confirmed the 23-year-old had a felony warrant from the Washington State Department of Corrections for robbery and escape from community custody, which was issued Nov. 13. "The co-operation between three government agencies is priceless," U.S. CBP area port director Kenneth Williams said in the release. "CBSA, CBP and the sheriff's office worked as a team to get this suspected criminal off the street."

### **BORDER WALL**

#### **13. Roundtable: A Closer Look At The Border Wall**

(KPBS-TV; 278k uvm; San Diego, CA) ... Bennett Lacy, Mark Sauer



**VIDEO:** President Donald Trump is demanding Congress fund the construction of a wall along America's border with Mexico. Work has already begun, with eight prototypes of new structures recently being showcased in San Diego. In the new series "America's Wall," KPBS and inewssource obtained previously unseen federal documents that detail the existing barriers along the border built under several previous administrations. The series also profiles people on both sides of the border, and both sides of a contentious issue.

#### **14. Fisher's border wall prototype complete on Southern border**

(Dickinson Press; 192k uvm; Dickinson, ND) ... Grady McGregor

Dickinson-based Fisher Industries has completed construction of a border wall prototype along the southern border of the United States near Otay Mesa, Cali. Fisher's wall is made of concrete and while it lacks some of the color and features of other prototypes, like tubing atop the walls or opaque paneling, the wall's simplicity makes it look like one of the more imposing designs. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced that the eight border wall prototypes were completed in late October but this is the first time that the Press has been able to track down available pictures of Fisher's wall prototype. According to a CBP press release from late last month, now that the construction phase is complete they will test and evaluate each wall over a 30- to 60-day period. "Border security contributes to our overall national security and relies on a combination of border infrastructure, technology, personnel, and partnerships," said CBP acting Deputy Commissioner Ron Vitiello in the release. "Border walls have proven to be an extremely effective part of our multi-pronged security strategy to prevent the illegal migration of people and drugs over the years ... These border enforcement zones give our men and women of CBP the best possible conditions to maintain a safe and secure border."

## **TRADE**

#### **15. Darling: Fully loaded trucks crossing Anzalduas Bridge by end of 2018**

(Rio Grande Guardian; 9k uvm; McAllen, TX) ... Patricia Martinez

McAllen Mayor Jim Darling said that the city is moving forward with plans to have full commercial traffic at the Anzalduas International Bridge by the end of 2018. Since August 2016, the bridge has allowed empty southbound trucks to cross into Mexico. Now, design plans are being finalized for fully loaded trucks to cross the bridge in either direction, giving commercial drivers the option of another port of entry. The plan is to have a joint inspection facility on the north side of the bridge. "Pharr does a great job over there, but it's one bridge," said Darling. "There's just so much potential in our area to only have one. So, we need to get commercial traffic on another bridge." Asked when the bridge may be ready to handle loaded trucks going both north- and southbound, Darling said: "I am shooting for the end of 2018. That is why we want to get the design done and get construction going. We are working on that, state monies, federal monies."



They have to get their act together in Washington and set a budget and get some funding (going). We will get it done.

## TRAVEL

### **16. Nonstop Seattle to Dublin flights to begin May 2018**

(Seattle PI; 4.7M uvm; Seattle WA)

Nonstop flights from Seattle to Dublin will start next spring. The Seattle Times reports Irish carrier Aer Lingus said Friday the service will begin May 18, 2018. The service will be provided four times a week. Because Dublin airport has its own U.S. Customs and Border Protection facility, passengers and their luggage will be pre-cleared in Ireland before departure, with no need to go through passport control on arrival in Seattle. This will be the first pre-cleared trans-Atlantic flight to fly into Seattle. Aer Lingus also will provide Seattle passengers connections through Dublin to 24 U.K. and European cities.

### **17. CBP gives tips for faster entry times during holiday season**

(KGBT-TV; 298k uvm; Harlingen, TX) ... Jolanie Martinez

**VIDEO:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection has tips for international travelers coming to the U.S. during the holiday season. U.S. Customs and Border Protection public information officer Maribel Saenz says the agency is preparing for the large number of shoppers that cross the border during the holiday season, especially after La Plaza Mall's multi-million dollar expansion. Saenz recommends international travelers to apply online for the I-94 form. "A lot of times since it's holiday season, there is a lot more travelers than usual, so that's why we are encouraging everybody to go online, apply online," Saenz said. "They can pay for it online, they bring their receipt with them and we finalize it for them here at the port of entry." To finalize the I-94 process, travelers must present themselves at a port of entry within seven days of their application. Travelers are also encouraged to use their radio frequency identification card to use ready lanes at port of entries. The frequency identification card includes the newer version of the U.S. passport cards, border crossing cards and resident alien card. Saenz says using this method expedites the entry process by 20 percent. "At the window, they will be getting their fingerprints, their picture and a background check to make sure that they qualify for the I-94 and cardboard," said Saenz. "I-94 will be printed and that's what they will have to present at the checkpoint with their travel documents." CBP's Border Wait Times app also gives hourly updates on lines at each port of entry.

## WORKFORCE

### **18. Law enforcement K-9s compete in Mercedes**

(Brownsville Herald; 75k uvm; Brownsville, TX) ... Cristina M. Garcia

Federal and local agencies were rivals Friday during the 3rd annual South Texas Police K-9 Competition held at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Grounds in Mercedes. Valley law enforcement agencies and others, along with their K-9s, competed in timed narcotic article and vehicle searches, the obedience and confidence course, and



criminal apprehension...If you compete and your dog doesn't do so well, that motivates you," Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office K-9 trainer Javier Solis said... U.S. Border Patrol's K-9, Billy-B, was named top dog in the patrol competition. A Belgian Malinois named Mischa and her handler, Tim Behnke, with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, quickly ran the narcotic article and vehicle searches Friday afternoon. Mischa has stopped more than \$1 million worth of drugs from being smuggled into the U.S. during her more than three years as a law enforcement K-9, according Behnke. Behnke and Mischa underwent a seven-week training course in Virginia prior to working together at multiple ports of entry in Brownsville. The two have been a team for three and a half years. "It's the best job in the world," Benke said. "Working with an animal is awesome." Though Behnke didn't place in the vehicles search competition, U.S. Customs and Border Protection's K-9 Coco and his handler, Michael Hufham, placed third. The U.S. Border Patrol was awarded the Best K-9 Unit, while Lusy with Edinburg CISD Police Department took first in the articles search.

**19. CBP AMO Plan Flyover at NASCAR's Championship Weekend**  
(American Security Today; 45k uvm)

**VIDEO:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Air and Marine Operations (AMO) aircrews based at the Miami Air and Marine Branch will perform a flyover during NASCAR's championship weekend at Homestead-Miami Speedway in front of tens of thousands of racing fans. CBP's Air and Marine Operations agents from air and marine branches and units in Florida and Texas are assisting with security efforts for the event providing real-time aerial video to ground based law enforcement personnel at the incident command center. Air and Marine Operations interdicts unlawful people and cargo approaching U.S. borders, investigates criminal networks and provides domain awareness in the air and maritime environments, and responds to contingencies and national taskings. "We're a part of this community and honored to serve and protect the public in Greater Miami and the Florida Keys utilizing advanced aeronautical and maritime capabilities," said Martin Wade, Director of the Miami Air and Marine Branch. "Air and Marine Operations highly-skilled agents are often behind the scenes at high profile events to keep things safe and secure along with local, state and federal law enforcement partners."

**OPINION**

**20. Former DHS Secretary Tom Ridge: No southern border wall needed**  
(CBS Television Network; 26.1 uvm) ... Arden Farhi

**VIDEO:** Tom Ridge, the nation's first secretary of Homeland Security, believes the physical border wall President Donald Trump wants to build on the U.S.-Mexico border isn't necessary. "I don't think we need it," Ridge said. "I think there are things we can do with technology that foregoes the need to build a 3,000 mile border [wall] with a neighbor... I prefer presidents that tear down walls rather than build them." Ridge appeared on "The Takeout" podcast with CBS News chief White House correspondent Major Garrett and political director Steve Chaggaris. Despite his criticism of the President, Ridge, a Republican, praised Mr. Trump's pick to lead the Department of



Homeland Security (DHS), Kirstjen Nielsen. "This is a woman that's got public and private sector experience. She's been deputy chief of staff to the president now, she was General [John] Kelly's chief of staff [at DHS], she's well versed and worked with the private sector on preparedness issues and cyber security issues and the like."

## IMMIGRATION

### **21. Immigrant Who Had Prosthetic Leg Mocked by Trump Officials to Be Freed After 'Inhumane' Detention**

(Newsweek; 9.4M uvm) ... Nicole Rodriguez

**VIDEO:** A 20-year-old disabled immigrant detained for more than a month without being charged was to be freed Friday, but he has been stripped of his Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status. After being detained by Customs and Border Protection (CPB) agents on October 11 as part of a human smuggling investigation, Felipe Abonza-Lopez of San Marcos, Texas, was granted a \$7,500 bond and will be released sometime Friday, a legal assistant for Abonza-Lopez's attorney told Newsweek Friday. Abonza-Lopez has lost his DACA status, which had been set to expire in 2019. It was revoked October 12, when he received a notice to appear in immigration court for deportation proceedings, a spokesperson for Citizenship and Immigration Services (ICE) told Newsweek.

### **22. Trump Administration Cites MS-13 Arrest to Push Change in Minor Immigrant Law**

(Daily Signal; 1.1M uvm) ... Fred Lucas

The Trump administration is pointing to a large federal roundup of members of the violent gang MS-13 as vindication of increased enforcement efforts and reason to change the policy on unaccompanied minor illegal immigrants. The Justice Department and Department of Homeland Security announced a joint effort that led to the arrest of 214 gang members and those involved with gang-related crime...Of the 214, just 16 were U.S. citizens while 198 were foreign nationals. Of the foreign nationals, only five were in the country legally. Among those arrested, 64 entered the country as unaccompanied alien children, but most are now adults, according to the Trump administration. During a press conference Thursday announcing the arrests, Tom Homan, deputy director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, noted the 2008 law on unaccompanied minors does not allow them to be immediately returned to their country of origin. "The agencies sent up a series of policy requests to the Hill to address a lot of issues to further control the border and illegal immigration," Homan said. "Some of these policies are being exploited and used by criminal organizations. That's why that's one of the policy issues we asked Congress to look at and help us with."

### **23. UMD files affidavit in federal lawsuit challenging Trump's latest travel ban**

(The Diamondback; 35k uvm) ... Christine Condon

The University of Maryland has filed an affidavit in a federal lawsuit opposing the Trump administration's latest iteration of its travel ban. "Since our students & faculty are



impacted by the latest travel ban, #UMD has filed an affidavit in a federal lawsuit in MD challenging the ban's legality," University President Wallace Loh tweeted Friday. The affidavit was filed in a Maryland district court case surrounding the ban. Federal judges in Maryland and Hawaii issued national orders freezing the ban in October. "It is in the interest of the University, as well as in the national interest, to welcome talented persons of all nations to study, teach, and do research in the United States, in order to maintain and improve America's position as a leader in higher education and research," read the statement, signed by Loh Oct. 10.

## OF INTEREST

### **24. Trump halts decision to allow elephant trophy imports after uproar**

(Reuters; 43.6M uvm) ...David Shepardson and Eric Beech

U.S. President Donald Trump said in a tweet on Friday he is putting a decision to allow imports of elephant trophies on hold after a torrent of criticism from conservation advocates and across social media. Trump's reversal came hours after his administration released a rule on Friday to allow hunters who kill elephants in Zimbabwe to bring their trophies back to the United States, which had been banned by the Obama administration. "Put big game trophy decision on hold until such time as I review all conservation facts. Under study for years. Will update soon with Secretary Zinke. Thank you!" Trump wrote. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said in a statement that he had spoken with Trump and "both believe that conservation and healthy herds are critical." He said the "issuing of permits is being put on hold as the decision is being reviewed."

### **25. 18-year-old accused of shooting CBP agent in Oakleaf said he would "off" cops, according to investigators**

(WOKV-FM; 75.1k uvm; Jacksonville, FL) ... Stephanie Brown

Two months after a Customs and Border Protection Agent was shot in the parking lot of an Oakleaf Publix, new investigative reports are detailing more about the possible motive to the attack. The Clay County Sheriff's Office believed from early in their investigation that the agent was ambushed because he was law enforcement. The victim was leaving the Publix after grabbing some groceries, when CCSO says 18-year-old Jake Lewis sped up and fired multiple shots, hitting the agent multiple times. Lewis then crashed, and CCSO says he died of a self-inflicted gunshot. The agent who was shot underwent surgery and continues to recover. CBP tells us the "signs are encouraging", and the agent is expected to return on limited duty in the near future. That agent has spoken with investigators, and the new supplemental reports show he remembers a suspect pointing a gun out of a car and yelling about hating cops, before shooting.

## SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYSIS

## OF NOTE



- The tweet by @DonaldTrumpJr on November 16 titled “First female Border Patrol chief says agents 'empowered' under Trump” is still the most retweeted of the period, with 6.3k retweets, 20k likes and 765 replies to date.

- As mentioned above, the tweet by Adolfo Flores from the account @aflores titled “Immigrant father says the Border Patrol took his infant son and won't tell him where he is” is gaining attention on

Twitter and is the second most retweeted tweet to date. The tweet supplies a link to the *BuzzFeed* article where he is interviewed. The tweet has 327 retweets, 154 likes, and 34 replies to date.



- The tweet to receive the highest engagement of the period on @CustomsBorder is “RGV sector Border Patrol K9’s lead agents to seize over \$6.1 million in narcotics. #KeepingAmericaSafe.” The tweet has received 20 retweets, 55 likes, 6 replies and 180,000 potential impressions to date. The tweet provides a link to the *KIII TV* news article on the bust.

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